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PARIS MOBS HOWL AT DALADIER—"RESIGN, RESIGN, ASSASSIN"

MUI TSAIS IN HONG KONG

"No Longer A Form Of Slavery."

PRESENT SYSTEM DEFENDED IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

The mui tsai system was the subject of questions, in the House of Commons, in reply to which, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Parliamentary Secretary for Dominion Affairs, said that mui tsais were very much decreasing in Hong Kong.

The Labour member for Dumbarton, Mr. D. Kirkwood, declared that the mui tsai system was a form of slavery. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald replied that it was no longer a system of slavery because the girls were registered as perfectly free and paid domestic servants. If they wished to leave their position, facilities were given them to do so.

He was satisfied that the system of registration and inspection was sufficient and was being worked to make impossible the continuance of the system of slavery as existed before.—Reuter.

WAR DEBT RELIEF HINTED

Roosevelt May Lower Interest Rates.

Washington, To-day.

A new deal for war debts is hinted by the White House announcement that President Roosevelt favours a broad policy of reduction in interest rates on all outstanding domestic and foreign obligations, both private and public, because he believes that it will quiet the world's unrest and relieve distress both here and abroad.

President Roosevelt feels that the interest rates are too high in relation to the debt structure, and that if creditors are willing to reduce interest rates there will be a greater opportunity to collect capital.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS AFRICAN SERVICE.

Most Convenient Route Across Italy.

London, To-day.

Following the visit of Lord Londonderry, Secretary for Air, and Colonel Shermidine, Director of Civil Aviation, to Rome recently, a provisional agreement has been reached enabling Imperial Airways aircraft operating on the African Air Service to cross Italian territory by the most convenient route.

It is expected that the new route will be in operation in about three months.—British Wireless Service.

COLONIAL MINISTER IMPROVED.

Lady Cunliffe Lister Reaches Nairobi.

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, who has been lying ill in Nairobi with a septicaemic throat, is now on his way to recovery. If progress is maintained, no further bulletins will be issued. Lady Cunliffe Lister has arrived in Nairobi by air from London.—British Wireless Service.

DEFINITE RISES RECORDED IN COMMODITY PRICES

Britain's January Figures Best For Over Five Years

London, To-day.

The Board of Trade Journal records an increase of 1.9 per cent. for January in the average of wholesale prices, as compared with the previous month, and 4.5 per cent. as compared with January 1933.

For the first time for over five years the average for each of ten groups of commodities was higher than in the preceding month.—British Wireless Service.

U.S. MONETARY POLICY UPSET BY FRANCE?

Foreign Exchange Chaos Aggravated.

STABILISATION FUND STILL UNTOUCHED

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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Washington, To-day.

Most observers think that the American stabilisation fund will not operate importantly until the foreign exchange chaos, due to the dollar's devaluation is lifted. They anticipate that such chaos will lift gradually.

It is reliably learned that for the first three days of gold buying, the United States bought 321,695 ounces, mostly from Europe, at a cost of U.S.\$11,259,353.

Government officials are satisfied with the trend of the Administration's policy.

Officials are watching France very closely, especially where the situation has any possible bearing on the monetary programme.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

GOLD PURCHASES

Washington, To-day.

America's \$2,000,000,000 stabilisation fund is apparently still untouched, and observers believe that operation has been postponed pending stabilisation talks with Great Britain.

Purchases of foreign gold were yesterday paid for from the Treasury's general fund, in the form of bank credits, rather than by the issue of new currency.

Administration officials are reported to be neither concerned at the drop of commodity prices yesterday nor gratified with the trend of foreign exchange rates.

The Treasury's gold stock has reached U.S.\$7,030,000,000, and currency expenditures, U.S.\$2,010,000,000.—Reuter.

SUN PROVOKES NANKING.

Ninghsia Still Besieged By Rebels.

Peking, To-day.

Preparations have begun for a drive against General Sun Tien-yang, who is still attacking Ninghsia City despite the reports spread yesterday by his agents that he was willing to comply with the order of dismissal.

According to the Chinese Press General Ho Ying-ching has telegraphed orders to the authorities of five provinces, Shanai, Suiyuan, Kansu, Chinghai and Ninghsia, to send troops to round up the rebel forces.—Reuter.

SENATOR ATTACKED; CLOTHING TORN

FOR DEFENDING POLICE SHOOTING ON MOBS

FORMER PRESIDENT DOUMERGUE TO FORM NEW CABINET

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE 70-YEAR-OLD EX-PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, M. GASTON DOUMERGUE, HAS AGREED TO FORM A NEW FRENCH CABINET TO SUCCEED M. DALADIER'S 8-DAY-OLD GOVERNMENT, WHICH RESIGNED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO PLACATE THE PEOPLE AND AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED. M. DOUMERGUE PREVIOUSLY DECLINED TO FORM A CABINET.—UNITED PRESS, PER S.C. GOLD BAR CO.

Paris, To-day.

It was to the tune of cries of "Resign, resign, assassin," that M. Daladier tendered the resignation of his Cabinet, yesterday afternoon. All day long crowds paraded the boulevards singing the "Marseillaise." Trading was suspended on the Bourse when a huge throng assembled and shouted, "Assassin, vive Chippie." The Police tried to disperse the mob but were overwhelmed.

The Bourse observed a five-minute silence "for those who were assassinated" according to a phrase written in chalk on an exchange board.

A band of rioters attacked Senator Rolland and tore off part of his clothing because he declared the Government's action in ordering the police and troops to fire on the crowds. M. Doumergue only accepted the Premiership after repeated persuasion. He is now on his way to Paris from the country. One of his first acts was to issue a decree ordering all State theatres to close yesterday evening as a sign of National mourning.—Reuter.

POLICE ATTACKED BY RIOTERS.

But Damage Last Night Is Comparatively Small.

Paris, To-day.

The city, yesterday, suffered alarms and excursions, during the evening, but the situation was never uncontrollable.

No fatalities are reported, though a considerable number of people were injured when massed bodies of steel-helmeted police made baton-charges at immense throngs of demonstrators in the Place de la Concorde, Madeleine Square and elsewhere.

Hooting and jeering crowds hurled missiles at the police, wrecked street lamps, smashed shop windows and lit bonfires at different points on the boulevards.

At 10.30 p.m. the Champs Elysees was quiet. The Place de la Concorde, where 1,000 police were stationed, was comparatively so.

One fashionable restaurant presented a curious spectacle. One part of the building was reeking with disinfectants and was an improvised dressing station, while the rest was filled with well-dressed diners, leisurely finishing their meals.

It is learned that the editor of L'Action Francaise, M. Maurras, has not been arrested, though the police have visited his house and that of his co-director, M. Leon Daudet.

Yesterday's edition of the newspaper, which is a Royalist organ, was confiscated.—Reuter.

GENERAL STRIKE ON MONDAY.

"Menace Of Fascism."

Paris, To-day.

The General Confederation of Labour here, has declared a 24-hour general strike for next Monday, as a protest against the "menace of Fascism" and to defend public liberty.—Reuter.

FRANCE MAY GO OFF GOLD.

Effect Of Paris Riots.

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Washington, To-day.

The United States Treasury is interested in the Paris riots, feeling that the flight of French gold currency to America is off-setting the attempts of the Treasury to weaken the dollar.

The Treasury likewise feels that there is a grave danger of France being forced off the gold standard.—United Press per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

10 MORE POLICE WOUNDED.

"Reds" Use Revolvers While Trench-Digging.

SPECTACLE FOR WOMEN IN EVENING-DRESS

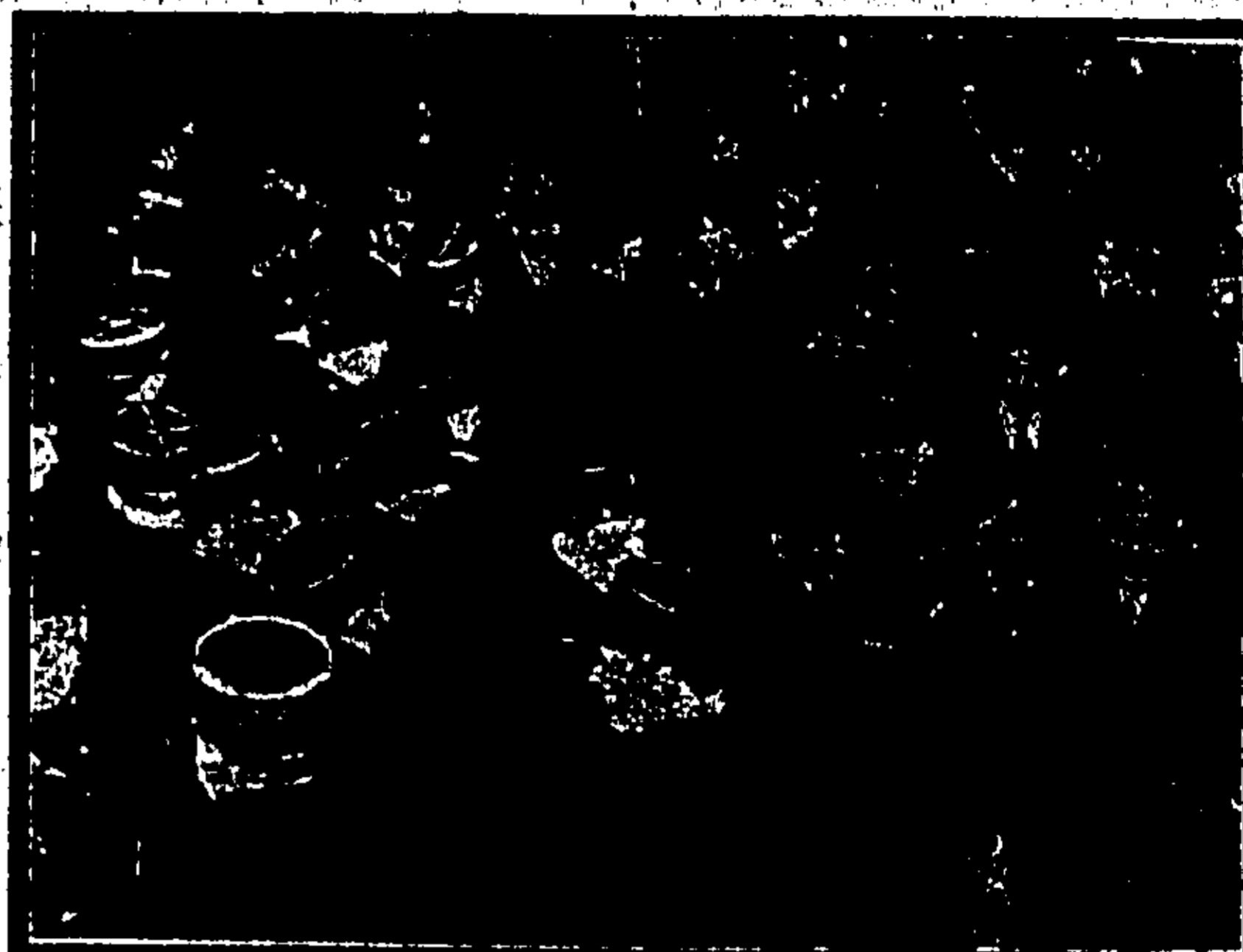
Paris, To-day.

The Superintendent of the Municipal Police was badly wounded in Madeleine Square at midnight and rushed to hospital. Besides many civilians, 10 policemen are reported wounded in the latest disturbances, while hundreds have been arrested.

Some firing occurred on the big boulevards towards midnight, but was quiet at 1 a.m.

Ten Communists who were attempting to dig a trench in the Jardins des Tuilleries used revolvers against the police, who arrested them.

Numerous private cars containing women in evening dress were last night seen driving slowly round, watching the disturbances. Further trouble is likely on account of the anti-Fascist meeting at the Grand Palais.—Reuter.



French police attempting to keep the crowds in order during a disturbance outside the Chamber of Deputies, following the Bayonne bond fraud scandal. The unrest which had been growing during the past few weeks, culminated in open rioting and considerable bloodshed in Paris on Tuesday night. The situation, although still tense, was quieter last night.

SILVER FIGHT IN AMERICA

Congress Advocates Impatient.

REMONETISATION BILL MAY BE INTRODUCED

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Washington, To-day.

Despairing of White House aid, the United States Senate silver bloc is preparing a new effort to force approval of silver legislation at the present session of Congress. Senator McCarran, of Nevada, believes that the next fight will be waged around a re-monetisation Bill. He predicts that such a measure has excellent changes of passage.

It is reliably that Treasury agents in New York are investigating the reports of Messrs. Guggenheim's and other mining interests holding vast amounts of silver.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

called at the Bastille at 7 o'clock last night. The meeting was attended by the joint Socialists' Confederation of Labour, and the Communists.

The Socialists appeared to the Federation of Labour to advance the general strike from Monday to to-day. Consent was considered doubtful, however, if only because there was no time to organise.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST SHOT IN BOULEVARD.

Scenes Of Wreckage In Main Streets.

Paris, To-day.

The condition of some of the main streets reflects the violence of the rioting.

Nineteen kiosks have been wrecked and burnt. Every gas-lamp in the Rue Tronchet has been smashed and countless main pipes and street refuge lamps have been broken. Escaping gas jets are burning like London fog fires.

Walking along the boulevard des Capucines, yesterday a Reuter correspondent saw a Communist shot ahead with the scheme. When it is formed it will be the only Jewish bank in Shanghai.—Reuter.

RANGERS TO MEET HEARTS IN SCOTTISH CUP

St. Johnstone And St. Mirren Draw Byes.

MOTHERWELL NARROWLY WIN REPLAY.

London, To-day.

Glasgow Rangers, if they are to bring off the Scottish Football "double" once again, will have to overcome stern opponents in the Hearts on Saturday week if they are to enter the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup. They have, however, secured the advantage of a home draw.

The Celtic, the holders, have been drawn at home to Falkirk, and, after their fine performance at Ayr last Saturday, they should advance a further stage in the competition. (Continued on Page 5.)

The following were the results of yesterday's Second Round replays:

Motherwell 2, Partick 1.
Ayr 0, E. Stirling 3.
The following is the draw for the Third Round, to be played on February 17:

Athlon	Queen O'South	Ross C.
Celtic	Falkirk	Cowdenbeath
Hibernian	Aberdeen	Falkirk
Motherwell	East Stirling	Aberdeen
Rangers	Heart of Midlothian	East Stirling

St. Johnstone and St. Mirren have received byes into the Fourth Round.—Reuter.

JEWIS FLOCKING TO PALESTINE.

Nearly 4,000 Immigrants During November.

London, To-day.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Under Secretary for the Colonies, stated yesterday in the House of Commons that 3,903 immigrants, practically all of whom were Jews, entered Palestine during November.—British Wireless Service.

JEWISH BANK FOR SHANGHAI.

Scheme Approved.

Shanghai, To-day.

Discussions with a view to the formation of a Jewish bank at Shanghai are proceeding, among the leading Jewish business men.

A meeting was held at the Jewish Club, yesterday evening, at which it was decided to push ahead with the scheme. When it is formed it will be the only Jewish bank in Shanghai.—Reuter.

MANCHESTER CITY RECEIVE BIG SETBACK

Wednesday Revival Is Continued.

MANY LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED YESTERDAY

London, To-day.

Manchester City, fourth in the premier English Football League, received a check to their championship hopes yesterday when they were beaten by two clear goals by Everton at Goodison Park. The City are now on level terms with the Spurs.

The Wednesday, now under the management of Billie Walker, the famous Aston Villa forward, upset Middlesbrough on their own ground to record their third win in their last seven games, in which they have not sustained a defeat.

The Villa's big defeat at Roker Park on Saturday was discounted by a home win over the Pensioners, who are at the bottom of the table, three points in arrears of Sheffield United with two games in hand. Pompey did well to share the points at Wolverhampton and advanced above Middlesbrough as the result.

(Continued on Page 5.)

The following were yesterday's results:

First Division	
Aston Villa	2 Chelsea 0
Everton	2 Manchester C. 0
Middlesbrough	2 Wednesday 3
Wolves	1 Portsmouth 1
Second Division	
Blackpool	2 Notts C. 1
Notts E.	2 Preston 3
West Ham	1 Oldham 4
Third Division (South)	
Bristol C.	5 Brighton 0

—Reuter.

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RESTRICTION OF RUBBER.

Schemes Not Yet In Practical Stage.

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in the House of Commons yesterday said he understood that negotiations between the various interests with regard to the prospects of rubber restriction schemes were still proceeding, but had not yet reached the stage when a scheme could be submitted to the Government, concerned.—British Wireless Service.

Burma Urges India To Co-operate.

Rangoon, To-day.

The Burma Planters' Association has passed a resolution urging the Government of India to co-operate with other Governments to regulate its production and export of rubber, for economic reasons.—Reuter.

COTTON SUPPLIES TO BE REDUCED.

9,000,000 Bales Proposed As Limit In U.S.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.

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Washington, To-day.

Senator Bankhead has announced that the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry C. Wallace has promised to support his Bill limiting cotton production to 9,000,000 bales.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.



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MISCELLANEOUS

REMOVAL—Sedick Silk Store 12B, Ice House Street has moved to a more commodious place at 38, Queen's Road Central under new name PREMIER SILK PALACE.

COMPANY MEETINGS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong on MONDAY, the 12th February, 1934, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 30th January to MONDAY, 12th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1934.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 18, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 24th February, 1934, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1933.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th February to SATURDAY, the 24th February, 1934 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 5th February, 1934.

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ON

FRIDAY, the 9th February, 1934, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, 4, Duddell Street.

A quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising: Chesterfield Couches and arm-chairs, Teak wardrobes with bevelled mirrors, Teak dining tables, dining chairs, Teak side boards with bevelled mirrors, Teak cabinets, Chest of drawers, etc., etc. Silver ware, Cutlery, Wall Clocks, Tea sets, Glass Ware, Dinner service, Table lamps, Gramophones, Pictures, Linen, Carpets, Typewriter, Ice chest, Screen, Leather suit cases, Rattan chairs, etc., etc. also

1 Sextant, 1 Compass, 1 Cherub Shiplog, 1 Microscope, 1 Piano by Moutrie, 1 Set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 2 Radio Sets, 1 Singer Sewing Machine.

and A Large Quantity of BLACKWOOD WARE On View from Thursday the 8th February, 1934.

Terms: Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers, Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1934.

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

MONDAY, 12th February, 1934, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at No. 8, Highbury Terrace (Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.) Hung Hom.

A quantity of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE also

One 3 Valve Radio Set, One Military Combination Safe and One Piano by Brinsmead & Sons

On View from Sunday the 11th February, 1934.

Terms: Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers, Hong Kong, 5th February, 1934.

Morganatic Marriage Ended?



According to reports from Bucharest, Prince Nicholas of Rumania, brother of King Carol, has divorced his commoner wife, Mme. Jane Lucia Delot, with whom he eloped two years ago and on whose account Prince Nicholas once blacked King Carol's eyes. It is said the Rumanian Supreme Court granted the divorce after Nicholas and his bride agreed to the dissolution.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

1-2.15 p.m.—European programme. 1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—Recorded music.

1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Chinese Studio Concert

5-6 p.m.—European Programme.

5-6 p.m.—A relay from Daventry, of a Concert and a message from the Hon. Sir James Park K.C.M.G. (High Commissioner for New Zealand in London).

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Concert from the Studio.

6.30-7 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.

7.3-8 p.m.—Recorded music. A Concert.

Pianoforte Solo—

Alt-Wien (Godowsky),

Prelude in A Minor (Debussy),

Isabelle Yalkovsky.

Song—

By the Waters of Minnetonka (Licuance)

The Lass with the Delicate Air (Arne)

Maiv Bennett (Soprano)

Violin Solo—

Concerto in G Minor—Adagio (Bruch)

Louis Zimmermann.

Song—

The Two Grenadiers (Schumann)

Midnight Review (Glinka)

Theodore Chailapine (Bass)

Pianoforte Solo—

Pollchinellet (Rachmaninoff)

Prelude in B Flat (Rachmaninoff)

Leif Poulsenhoff

Song—

Twilight (Hamilton)

My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue (Spaeth-Lehar)

Maria Jeritta (Soprano)

Violin Solo—

Ave Maria (Schubert, arr. Wilhelm)

Caprice Viennoise (Kreisler)

Naoum Blinder.

Songs—

(a) Pairings (b) Come to the Fair (Easthope-Martin)

(a) Jock the Fiddler

(b) Ballad-Monger (Easthope-Martin)

Percy Heming (Baritone)

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.15-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

All relays of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestras are by courtesy of the Management and during the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.

LOVERS SHOT WHILE KISSING

Yugo-Slavian Officer's Tragic Error.

COUPLE MISTAKEN FOR BANDIT

Belgrade. Sergeant Mihailo Popar has been sentenced to eight months' hard labour and dismissed from the Yugo-Slavian Police for carelessness which resulted in the deaths of an engaged couple.

He had been ordered to lie in ambush for a notorious bandit, Mitrovitch, at Koshutnjak, near Belgrade.

The bandit was said to be wearing a white shirt.

As dusk fell he heard a rustle in bushes at the side of the road, and saw a gleam of white. He challenged and, on receiving no reply, fired.

Rushing forward he found a young man and woman lying dead in a close embrace. His shot had passed through their necks as they kissed.—Reuter.

PROHIBITION TOLL IN AMERICA

100 Agents Killed In Dry Era.

MORE THAN 600 WOUNDED

Washington. It has cost the lives of about 100 Federal Agents for the Government to enforce national prohibition.

Figures furnished by Federal officials show that more than 600 Government agents were wounded. But, in suffering these casualties, the Federal men arrested around 800,000 persons and seized property to the value of \$205,151,000 (\$41,230,200), including liquor and stills.

The heaviest casualties recorded up to the end of the 1932 fiscal year were in 1930, when 14 agents were killed and 116 were wounded. An equal number lost their lives in 1921 but the injuries totalled only 13 that year.

The number injured in 1931 and 1932 is not recorded but five were killed in the former year and nine in the latter.—Reuter.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

KEPT VERY BUSY

Daughter: Dad, what is your birthstone?" Father of Seven: My dear, I'm not quite sure, but I rather think it is a grindstone.

FORCED TO DO IT

A movie actor, suing for a breach of contract, described himself as the greatest actor in the world.

One of his friends took him to task for so loudly singing his own praises.

"I know," replied the actor, "it must have sounded somewhat conceited, but, remember, I was on oath."

NOTHING MUCH

"I must tell you that my daughter can bring a husband only her beauty and her intellect."

"I don't mind—many young couples have started in a very small way."

NO—BUT YES

"Would you marry a man for his money?"

"Not exactly. But I'd want my husband to have a lovely disposition, and if he didn't have money, he'd very likely be worried and ill-natured."

NOT GUILTY!

Mistress: "Now, you've left finger-prints on nearly every plate."

Maid: "Well, it shows I ain't got a guilty conscience, anyway."

SAFETY FIRST

"That's the second time to-day I've seen that man following that woman in another car, yelling at her all the time."

"Yes, that's old Johnson. He's teaching his wife to drive, but he's not taking any risks himself!"

CHAINED

Wife: Think of it! Where would you be to-day if it weren't for me?

Hubby: As far away as possible.

TO HIS CREDIT

"Look here, waiter, I've been waiting half an hour for that steak I ordered."

"Yes, sir, I know, sir. Life would be worth living if everybody was as patient as you are."

PRETTY THINGS

Customer: I don't like the looks of that haddock.

Fish Dealer: Lady, if it looks you're after why don't you buy a goldfish?

THAT WOULDN'T DO

Lawyer: Now, the first thing to do is to prove an alibi. I suppose there is somebody who saw you at seven o'clock—the time when the crime was committed?

Client: No, thank goodness!

NICE TO HIM

Doctor: Now, before I examine you, may I ask what you drink?

Patient: Thank you, doctor. A small whisky and soda for me.

THE LAST RESORT

"Miss Smith—er—Gladys, tell me—what must I give you to get a kiss from you?"

"Chloroform."

ANOTHER INSULT!

"Some of our heavy-weight boxers are continually being held up to ridicule," complains a writer.

Others are continually being held up

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IN "PALMY DAYS."

CULBERTSON ON CONTRACT

By ELY CULBERTSON

World's Champion Player and Greatest Card Analyst

NUISANCE BIDS

There is a wide diversity of opinion as to the value of Opening bids by players lacking the necessary honour strength to guarantee sound defense. Unquestionably such bids are often effective, as they partake of the nature of surprise tactics and sometimes find adversaries ill-prepared to cope with the situation that has been created. At other times these nuisance bids are a distinct aid to opponents in reaching the correct contract because the partnership bidding afterwards discloses the extreme paucity of strength upon which the adverse call was made. Take as an example the hand below, which was played in a recent Duplicate game in New York City:

West, Dealer.

North and South vulnerable.

North:—

S—A J 4

H—K 10 5

D—K 9

C—A Q J 9 7

West:—

S—K 10 7 6 5

H—A Q J 4

D—5 4

C—8 4

East:—

S—Q 9 8 2

H—9 7 2

D—10 3 2

C—5 3 2

South:—

S—8

H—9 6 3

D—A Q J 8 7 6

C—K 10 6

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

West North East South

1 S (1) Dbl. (2) Pass 3 D (3)

Pass 4 C (4) Pass 5 C (5)

Pass 6 C (6) Pass Pass

Pass

1—Of course, this hand does not have the honour strength to justify an Opening bid. The bid is made with the purpose of preventing vulnerable opponents from reaching a game. With the cards held by North and South, such a result is practically impossible. As a matter of fact, the bid is a help, and not a hindrance.

2—A sound vulnerable Double. Of course, the hand is not strong enough to justify an Immediate Overall in opponents' bid suit.

3—A strength response to the Takeout Double. Now a game contract for North and South is absolutely assured.

4—In view of South's strength response to the Takeout Double, North is perfectly safe in showing his own suit above the range of a notrump game.

5—This comes as a matter of course.

6—With partner responding with a strength-showing bid and later asking for clubs, North, with first and control of the adversely bid suit and the King of the only unbid suit, correctly contracts for the Slam.

Of course, there is absolutely nothing to the play of the hand, North making six against an Opening spade lead.

TO-MORROW'S HAND If the Dealer opens with one heart, holding:

Spades Q 4 3

Hearts A 8 7 3

Diamonds A K Q

Clubs Q J 6

and partner raises to four hearts, what further bid, if any, should be made by the Opening bidder?

By J. MILLAR WATT

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Sporting Page

BRECHIN SHOWS BIGGEST IMPROVEMENT AMONG THE OLD PONIES

THE CANTON MEETING

GOOD RESPONSE BY COLONY AND MACAO OWNERS

Local Ponies & Jockeys Not Under Penalty.

HUGE SWEEP BEING CONDUCTED

THERE has been quite a satisfactory response by Colony and Macao owners to the entry lists for the Canton Race Meeting, which is to be staged under the auspices of the Municipal Government of Canton on the Shekpi track next Saturday and Sunday, February 17 and 18.

There are eight races on each day, the first saddling bell ringing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club have approved this unofficial Race Meeting and have waived by-law No. 69, thus allowing official ponies and jockeys to compete without penalty.

All Hong Kong and Macao ponies entered for this Meeting will be transported by special train to Canton on Thursday February 15, free of charge and will be disembarked at the Shekpi Race Course direct. These ponies will be segregated from Canton Ponies and maintained free of charge until Monday morning when they will be transported back to Hong Kong.

The entrance fee is \$1.00 and the tickets are all numbered for a draw for prizes of \$1,500, \$900 and \$600. In addition a \$10 sweepstake is sold the prizes will be \$150,000, \$50,000, and \$30,000.

The following are the entries of most interest to local followers of the Turf:

FIRST DAY

The Maiden Plate—Half Mile. (149) Can Do (149), Harbour View (149), Heart's Joy (149), King of Jazz (149), Leisure Time (149), Lightning King (149), Little Chance (149), Marvellous Chance (149), Potsdam (149), Racing Joy (149), Racing Lad (149), Sea View (149), Semper Idem (149), and Sporting Chance (149). 13 entries.

The Whampoa Plate—Half Mile. (149) Blue Plane (149), Bold Lad (149), Brutus (149), Carnation II (149), Cuddle (161), Fay Lutz (161), Fu Fung (161), Happy Man (146) and Three Swords II (146). 11 entries.

Chung Shan Stakes—One Mile. (149) Heart's Joy (149), Harbour View (149), Lightning King (149), Little Chance (149), Potsdam (149), Racing Joy (149), Sea View (149), Semper Idem (149), Sporting Chance (149), Young Commander (146) and Can Do (149). 13 entries.

Chu Kong Handicap—One Mile. (149) No Fear (149), Widnes (168), Orlando (167), King's Parade (169), Snappy Eve (149), Flying Boy (149), Ajax (160), Cebu (162), Darien (149), Banjolina (145), African Eve (162), Powerful King (140), Iron Grey (160), Wemby Slag (164), and Adam (145). 15 entries.

Chu Kong Handicap—6 Furlongs. (149) Jingle (158), Bajulo (160), Paul Jones (160), Whoopee (140), Battling Horse (163), Swale (162), The Crook (168), The Rainstorm (140), The Loaf (145), Charming Face (162), Black Velvet (160), Eak (168), City of Shanghai (160) and Gallant Fox (140). 14 entries.

SECOND DAY

Sha Ho Handicap—One Mile. (149) No Fear, Widnes, Orlando, King's Parade, Snappy Eve, Flying Boy, Ajax, Cebu, Darien, Banjolina, African Eve, Iron Grey, Powerful King, Wemby Slag, and Adam. 15 entries.

Sha Ho Handicap—6 Furlongs. (149) Jingle, Bagulo, Paul Jones, Whoopee, Battling Horse, Swale, Felicity Star, The Crook, The Rainstorm, The Loaf, Charming Face, Black Velvet, Eak, City of Shanghai, and Gallant Fox. 15 entries.

Kwang Yum Shan Handicap—6 Furlongs. (149) Adamastor, Battling Horse, Blue Plane, Bold Lad, Brutus, Carnation II, Cuddle, Happy Man, Semper Idem and Three Swords II. 10 entries.

The Mayor's Cup—14 Miles. (149) Bold Officer, Can Do, Harbour View, Heart's Joy, King of Jazz, Leisure

FLUMMERY BECOMING GOOD AUSTRALIAN

Big Improvement In The Subs.

GLADIATOR AND MACARONI OFFERING CHALLENGES

(BY "THE SPIDER")

The progress made by Mr. C. B. Brown's Flummery in the Australian Class has been amazingly good during the last week. The pony has been doing some very steady track-work lately and can now be ranked amongst the best.

Of the subs, Mr. Leong Kwok Cheong's Cavalcade was disappointing last week, but Mr. "Wekeke" Brasa Idol, Mr. Yick Chim's Young Chap, Mr. S. W. Tang's Racing Spirit and Mr. Ho Kom Tong's Classic Hall are rapidly making progress and should be among the hot favourites very soon. Bran Tub and Sarabande are at last being seriously challenged.

Of the griffins, Oak Bay, New Star, Monoplane, and Bay View are coming along nicely, and as these ponies had not previously been mentioned in the same breath with the favourites, they will no doubt cause many of the "fans" to review their training performances. I hope to give readers some more details about these ponies next week.

Gladiator and Macaroni have also provided food for thought. Herod, the stable favourite at one time, is not now strongly fancied.

Yesterday's gallops were all on the slow side. Soldier of Britain finished up a slow mile with a last quarter of 0.29.0, and King's Warden registered 0.28.2 at the end of 1½ miles.

SOLDIER STABLE STILL LEADS THE WAY

Prima Donna's Price Lengthened.

LATEST BETTING FIGURES

(BY "THE SPIDER")

MR. LI SHUI PANG'S Soldier of Britain and Soldier of China are both quoted at 3 to 1 for the Derby in the latest betting list.

The Dunbar Stable come second at 6-1, followed by the Dynasty Stable 8-1, Hem Stable 8-1, Chief Saddle 12-1, Trowbridge 12-1, Prima Donna 12-1, Monoplane 16-1.

The longer odds are attracting quite a lot of attention. It will be noticed that Prima Donna has gone from 10 to 1 to 12 to 1 as the result of her unimpressive finish on Saturday.

For The Sydney Maidens, Princess Angelina, Atlas, Able Amazon and Racing Heart are all at 3-1. The Goose and Fanling Fox at 6-1, Bag Tor, Nell Gwyn and Vriday at 6-1. The short odds are undoubtedly due to the fact that the race is in two sections.

For The Valleys, Classic Hall, Chow Fan, Young Chap and Cavalcade are at five, but they are not attracting much business.

Time, Lightning King, Little Choles, Potsdam, Racing Lad, Sea View, Semper Idem, Sporting Chance, and Young Commander. 15 entries.

The Exchange Plate—6 Furlongs. (149) Can Do (149), Harbour View (149), Heart's Joy (149), Lightning King (149), Little Chance (149), Marvellous Chance (149), Potsdam (149), Racing Joy (149), Sea View (149), Semper Idem (149), and Sporting Chance (149). 14 entries.

Handicaps for races on the second day will not be allocated until after the first day's results.

DUNBAR & DYNASTY STABLES TO FORE

RACING BOY STILL A CHAMPION

A GLIMPSE AT THE OLD-TIMERS

(BY "THE SPIDER")

SO much attention has been devoted to the progress of the Derby griffins, the subscription griffins, and the new Australians that nothing has yet been recorded of the performances of the old ponies.

THERE is every promise of good sport among the stalwarts of the past, particularly in races for subscription griffins. Some of the biggest dividends in the past have been paid on races confined to old ponies.

IN looking over the programme we find that the first race for old ponies in The Foochow Cup, the sixth race on the first day. The distance is a mile and a half and as both Liberty Bay and Diana Bay are entered, it will not be necessary to look beyond the Dunbar stable for the winner. Incidentally Liberty Bay won this race in record time last year (3.01.2/5).

The next race for old ponies is the Boy, having been absent from active racing for almost a year, will be unlikely to win, but they may be interested to learn that the former champion is as fit as he has ever been and should not be troubled in the least by the opposition provided.

Bistre Second Best. Bistre has always been the second best sub. to Racing Boy, and should Mr. Tang's pony fail, Bistre is the next best thing. Warrington does not appeal, as he is not in the same class as Racing Boy and Bistre. The others I have named are also in the same category as Warrington, but Philanderer has been whispered to be the big danger to the favourites, and I am inclined to consider his chances very bright—he was a very good sub. in his day.

There is, however, one possibility which would merit discussion, and that is if Helter Skelter and Vigilance set a terrific pace for this race, they may create an upset since the distance is only a mile. Helter Skelter is of the runaway type, and if Vigilance can have him as an "am" they may between them cause a big upset.

The Melbourne Cup is the first race in which the past Australian ponies will come up against the new batch. Without seeing the result of the Sydney Maidens it is difficult to make a forecast, but I should say the Australian ponies we used to know as champions will be outclassed. Should this forecast prove wrong, however, and the new ponies are only on the same footing as the old ones, then I should say Night Star is still the best of the old ponies, in spite of his defeat by Woodland Stag in the Autumn. The pony is taking to his training very well again. The record for Australians from the 2 mile post is 2.01.3 by Season Ticket, but it is almost certain that this time will be lowered.

The Chater Cup. Who will win the Chater Cup? The answer is Brechin or Navy Hall.

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"Hem" Ponies Competing. The last race of the first day is for all China ponies over a mile and 171 yards, but, with the exception of candidates from the Hem Stable, none of the entries are griffins of this season. Diana Bay will in all probability start here and should win easily, with probably Brechin and King's Justice filling the other places. Incidentally both Brechin and King's Justice are running very well at the moment and may be responsible for upsets at the Annual Meeting.

The Victoria Stakes on the second day, being a classic, will be certain to attract one or the other of the two Dunbar cracks. Which ever pony they send to the post should win. If, however, they should not be given a run, Trenbridge should win easily.

The fifth race is the most interesting event for old ponies. The Garrison Cup has drawn subscription griffins from the past three years and even several of the current season's subs have been entered. I think it is safe to eliminate all except Racing Boy, Bistre, Warrington, Vigilance, Partnership, Philanderer, Helter Skelter, and possibly King Salmon and National Day.

The conditions of the race have enabled Racing Boy to go to the post with only 155 pounds, and this is a winning advantage. Many people think that Racing

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TO-DAY

Hockey.—Mamak Tournament. Royal Engineers v. Twelfth Battery. Royal Artillery. Radio Sports v. University, 5 p.m.

Lawn Tennis.—Open Singles. C. A. Wright v. K. M. Wong. Ng Sze-kwong v. Lai Kwong-tsun. J. G. Haigh v. Tam Yoc-fong. E. C. Fincher v. Y. C. Kwok. Tsui Wai-pui v. Chiu Chun-chiu.

Open Doubles. Luk Ding-cheung and W. T. Lee v. Luk Chun-cheung and Wong Shiu-ling. I. M. A. Rasack and J. A. E. Cassumhoy v. G. R. M. Ricketts and W. Beach-Thomas.

Millennium Sets Record

Second Horse Conceded 66 Lb.

WRAGG'S SUCCESS IN JAMAICA

The Irish horse Millennium created a hurdles race record for the British Isles by winning at Baldoy under the crushing weight of 13st 12lb.

He gave the second horse no less than 66lb!

Millennium, a seven-year-old, has won 19 races on the flat and over hurdles, three of them in England.

The crack Irish chaser, Heartbreak Hill, has joined Stedell's team at Lewes to be trained. Formerly he was in the care of H. L. Usher at Brackenstown, Co. Dublin.

As a six-year-old she won five races, including the Grand Sertan Steeplechase at Liverpool and the Prince of Wales's Chase at Punchestown.

The following year she won three races, and was made third favourite for the Grand National last March, when she fell at the Canal Turn.

All the English jockeys riding abroad seem to be doing well. Sam Wragg, who is again riding in Jamaica, has been particularly successful, and on one occasion rode five winners in one day.

The Duke of Portland has just celebrated his 76th birthday.

Ayrshire, winner of the Two Thousand Guineas and Derby in 1888 was the first classic colt to carry the duke's colours to the fore, and the following year he won the Derby and St. Leger with Donovan.

In all the duke won 11 classic races, and in 1899 set up a record that has never been equalled by winning 33 events and £78,855 in stakes.

A notable addition to Woodland's Chalderton stable is the French horse El Hadjar, who was purchased on behalf of Mr. E. Robson.

El Hadjar was one of the top-weighters for the last Grand National, but did not run.

Herbert Chapman was a Dictator—strong with the strength of a man who knows his mind and will have his own way but strong with the benevolence that lies underneath true strength.—Peter Cheyne.

BRONZE ERA LIKELY TO BE A SMASHER

Impressive Finish To 1½ Miles Gallop.

BAYARDO AGAIN BELIES HIS APPEARANCE

Bay View Progressing Well

(BY RAPIER)

THE course was on the slow side yesterday morning and as a result there were few fast times clocked. The best performance of the day was credited to Messrs. Grist and Beck's Bronze Era, who went over 1½ miles in 3.12.3 with a last ¼ mile in 1.27.3—quarters of 29.2, 29.4, and 28.2!

This was the chestnut's first extended trial since he injured his foot a fortnight ago, and is most encouraging to say the least. Bronze Era, whose sire was Bronzino, second in the English St. Leger in 1910, and whose dam was Orient Pearl, is likely to prove a smasher at the Annual Meeting.

Mr. S. W. Tang's Racing Spirit covered a mile in 2.19.3 after going slowly over the first half mile in 1.12.2. This was the best effort of a sub. yesterday morning, Messrs. Sturt and Lobel's Sarabande covering the mile in 2.33.4 after a first ¼ mile in 2.02.0. Mr. Dunbar's Rolling Bay did a last half mile in 1.09.2 in his mile gallop, finishing with a last burst of 0.31.3.

Mr. Li Shui Pang's Soldier of Germany was sent out over the Derby distance, but did nothing of exceptional note. After a very slow mile, covered in 2.34.0, he clocked 1.02.4 over the last half with a finishing quarter of 0.30.0. It was, however, the fastest 1½ miles by a griffin yesterday morning, the full time being 3.56.4.

Soldier of China, also of the same stable, negotiated the distance in 3.37.2 with a last half in 1.03.0 after covering the mile in 2.34.2. He finished in easy style in 0.30.0.

Bayardo, a fine looking bay in the Hem stable, has never lived up to his looks, and yesterday proved no exception. Sent out over 1¼ miles he clocked 3.18.3 with a last half mile in 1.11.3 with a finishing quarter of 0.32.4. He has proved most disappointing. Gladiator and Macaroni are much better ponies in this stable.

Mr. S. W. Tang's Racing Triumph did a good steady gallop over 1¼ miles with a last mile in 2.18.4. His last quarter in 0.32.4 was not so impressive.

Mr. Dunbar's Chief Seattle, a likely Derby candidate, clocked 1.04.4 over the last half mile of his 3.45.2 for the Derby distance. Oak Bay, a serious challenger for first string in this stable, went over the mile in 2.48.2. The last half in 1.05.3 was a nice gallop, though I thought he had bettered 0.20.1 over the last quarter.

Mr. Lan's Bay View negotiated the mile in the best time when he clocked 2.09.5, finishing with an 0.31.0 last quarter and an 1.02.3 last half. This pony is responding well in his track-work, and will soon be very much in the limelight.

The girls in Japan are not yet what you might call first-class, experts for until a very few years ago they did not play tennis in the girls' schools. Tradition, I suppose, was against it. But they are promising. Their games possesses virtues of headiness, and for that reason they were not easy to beat.—Dorothy Round.

ENTRIES FOR KWANTI

CHINA NEW YEAR MEETING.

Sunday Week.

THE following are the entries for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club's China New Year Meeting at Kwanti on Sunday week:

2.30 P.M.—The "Fat Choy" Hurdle Race—For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale plus 3lbs. Winners of any hurdle race, steeplechase this season barred. Winner—A Cup not exceeding \$50. In value; 2nd and 3rd—70% and 30% of entry fees respectively.—14 Miles.

Christmas Belle (155), Donnabella (158), Festival Eve (158), Ike (late Green Butterfly) (161), Stickypast (161), The Goat (165) and White Heather (164). 7 entries.

3.00 P.M.—The China New Year Handicap Steeplechase. For China Ponies. Winner—A Cup not exceeding \$50.00 in value; 2nd and 3rd—70% and 30% of entry fees respectively.—13 Miles.

Burroughmaster, Duke of Milan, Marquis Hall, No Fear and Shimmy II. 5 entries.

3.30 P.M.—Grand Military Hurdle Race & Sarsom Cup. 1½ Miles for China Ponies the property of an Officer in His Majesty's Forces or a Member of the Machine Gun Troop of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. To be ridden by those qualified to enter. Weight for inches as per Scale plus 3 lbs. Winner this Season of one hurdle (unofficial included) 7 lbs. penalty; of two or more such races 12 lbs. penalty. Ponies that have started this season in a hurdle race or steeplechase and not won allowed 5 lbs.

WINNER—The Sarsom Cup, to remain the property of the Winner for one year, with replica presented; 2nd 3rd 70% and 30% of Entry Fees respectively.

Britannic Hall (155), Cherry Key (155), Cuckoo Eyes (158), Pat (158), Pink Gin (150), Shimmy II (152), Stickypast (161), The Curlew (155), The Gadwall (175) and Zephyr (147). 10 entries.

4.00 P.M.—The Canberra Steeplechase. 1½ Miles for Australian Ponies whether or not subscription griffins. Weight for inches as per Scale plus 6 lbs.

Winner—A Cup not exceeding \$50 in value; 2nd and 3rd 70% and 30% of Entry Fees respectively. Gellinda (155), Buck (158), Golden Dawn (158), Kilrea (158), Rosedrop (162), St. Moritz (155) and Winter's Tale (162). 7 entries.

4.30 P.M.—The Ladies' Mile (Unofficial). A Handicap Flat Race of 1 Mile for China Ponies approved by the Master of the Fan Ling Hunt as "Hunters".

Winner—A Cup 2nd and 3rd Silver Souvenirs. Bankra, Cloudy Eve, Devon, Glen Shee, Grock, No Fear, Spotted Leaf, Tim, Until Then and Wisdom Stag. 10 entries.

5.00 P.M.—The February Country Cup. (Unofficial). Over approximately 2 Miles of fair hunting country finishing on the Steeplechase Course. For China Ponies. Catch-weights 168 lbs. Winners of a similar country race since January 1st, 1933 barred.

Winner—A cup not exceeding \$50 in value; 2nd and 3rd Silver Souvenirs. Aircraft, Anson, Celerity, Christmas Belle, Country Club, Donnabella, Ellipse Eve, Firefly, Gloucester, Grand Slam, Happy Hill, Ike (late Green Butterfly), Jan Slew, Lock Ness, Malakie, Morangah, Moncho, Mock Ado, Orleans, Pat, Red Lanes, Skewald Griffin, That's That, The Greyling, The Quail, Tigre, Toby, Widow Stag, Wonderful Chivalry, and Zephyr. 30 entries.

RACE RUN TWICE IN AFTERNOON.

Unusual Newbury Event Recalls 1903 Race.

The incident at Newbury when six horses in a field of seven were disqualified after taking the wrong course recalls the Great Metropolitan of 1903, when the race was run twice on the same afternoon.

On the first occasion C. Trigg, who finished unplaced on Parody, claimed that many other competitors, including the placed horses, had gone the wrong side of a post at the junction of the Derby course.

This was not disputed, but, as Parody had not been placed by the judge, the Stewards decided the race should be run again. In the re-run Waverley's Pride, who had finished in front on the first occasion, won again, although it was only by a neck that he defeated Parody.

Principal Home Races In 1934

National Hunt Steeplechase	March 7	Northumberland Plate	June 27
Imperial Cup	March 17	Prince of Wales's Stakes	July 5
Lincolnshire Handicap	March 21	London Cup	July 7
Liverpool Spring Cup	March 22	Eclipse Stakes	July 20
Grand National Steeplechase	March 23	National Breeders' Stakes	July 21
Champion Stakes	March 24	Liverpool Summer Cup	July 27
Newbury Spring Cup	April 2	Stewards' Cup	July 31
Great Metropolitan Stakes	April 24	Goodwood Stakes	August 2
City & Suburban Handicap	April 25	Chesham Cup	August 2
Two Thousand Guineas	May 2	Ebor Handicap	August 29
One Thousand Guineas	May 4	Gimcrack Stakes	August 30
Victoria Cup	May 5	Prince Edward Handicap	Sept. 8
Chester Cup	May 9	Great Yorkshire Handicap	Sept. 11
Rampton Park Great Jubilee	May 12	St. Leger Stakes	Sept. 12
Yorkshire Cup	May 15	Doncaster Cup	Sept. 14
The Derby Stakes	May 20	Newbury Autumn Cup	Sept. 20
Coronation Cup	June 6	Jockey Club Stakes	Oct. 4
The Oaks Stakes	June 8	Duke of York Handicap	Oct. 6
Newbury Summer Cup	June 14	Cusack Handicap	Oct. 17
Ascot Stakes	June 19	Middle Park Plate	Oct. 18
Royal Hunt Cup	June 20	Cambridge Handicap	Oct. 31
Ascot Gold Cup	June 21	Jockey Club Cup	Nov. 1
Queen Alexandra Stakes	June 22	Devonshire Stakes	Nov. 1
Grand Prix de Paris	June 24	Liverpool Autumn Cup	Nov. 8
		Derby Cup	Nov. 15
		Manchester Nov. Handicap	Nov. 24

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RACING

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Messrs. Mackie & Grayburn's candidate will be carrying 171 pounds in this race as compared to Navy Hall's 168. Only four ponies carry less than 160 pounds in this race and they are Bistre (157), Per Se (158) Wonderful Stag (159) and Gold Key (152). Gold Key is nothing like he used to be while the others are not in the same class as Brechin, Navy Hall and some of the others in this race, such as Mike, The Tiger, Don, and Jungle Jim.

The Challenge Cup, being another attractive classic in the second day's programme, will probably attract Liberty Bay. The pony holds the record for the mile and three quarters and may lower it this season.

On the third day The Exchange Plate also looks like falling to the "Dunbar" stable as does The Governor's Cup.

If Brechin is kept out of the list of winners for the first two days, nothing can keep him from winning the Gymkhana Stakes, which is over a mile and for which he will be carrying less than weight for inches.

I have gone over the list very thoroughly and find the only other entry which might claim some recognition is King's Justice who will be running at 149 pounds!

Trentbridge is here with 165 pounds, but he will probably have won by this time, and would thus be barred by the conditions of this race.

It looks very much as if the "Dunbar" and the "Dynasty" stable

COLONY INTERPORT
SOCCER SKIPPER
OPTIMISTICTeam Are Very Well
Satisfied.

MASCOT REQUIRED

"WE have a very strong side and are very pleased with the selection, and the latter in itself will enhance our chances against both Shanghai and Tientsin," said Syd Strange, the Interport football skipper, last night.

Strange was very optimistic regarding the success of the Colony team, and said that if they did well against Shanghai the side would not be changed against Tientsin, except in the case of someone being injured. "The one thing the team now lacks is a mascot, but we are living in hopes."

The Colony team leave for Shanghai by the Comarin tomorrow at noon. The eleven is comprised of A. McHardy, S. Strange, Gnr. Allen, Leung Wing Chui, N. Beltrao, B. Gosano, Tam Kong Pak, A. V. Gosano, Cpl. Ridley, and L. Hoagland. The reserves are L. Cpl. Cord, C. Elliott, W. Brittain, and D. Leonard.

will share most of the main events between them, unless Brechin turns up a surprise, which, all things considered, is not improbable, as the pony has improved 100 per cent on his last year's showing.

McDOUGALL'S FINE FIGHT AGAINST HOLDER

Clem Hill
Wrong In Test
ForecastGene Sarazen Names
Ten Leading Golfers.TUNNEY'S OPINION OF
PRIMO CARNERA

Tilden And Vines

(By ROVER)

CLEM HILL, former Australian Test cricket captain was wrong in three cases in his forecast of the Australian touring party. He preferred his namesake Clem Hill (N.S.W.), C. W. Walker (S.A.), and H. C. Nitschke (S.A.) to W. Brown, R. J. Barnett, and A. Chipperfield.

Densmore Shute, the British Open champion, has been named by Gene Sarazen, in ranking his first ten in the world, as world's champion for 1933.

After Shute, Sarazen places the other nine, in order of merit, as follows:

Craig Wood (Deal New Jersey), Joe Kirkwood (Chicago), Paul Runyan (White Plains, New York), Leo Diegel (Agua Caliente), Macdonald Smith (Great Neck, Long Island), Walter Hagen (New York), Ralph Guldahl (St. Louis), Willie Goggin (San Francisco), and Willie Macfarlane (Tuckahoe, New York).

Asked what was wrong with present-day boxing, Gene Tunney, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, said, "It's the promotion. The fighters may not be great, but they are good enough. The principal trouble is that they are not being presented attractively."

"I don't believe Carnera would have lasted three minutes with Dempsey. Jack would have taken advantage of him and probably stowed him away with a sneak punch delivered on a break."

Football flourishes in all parts of the Empire. At Singapore the "Willis" Cup tournament, organised by Mr. A. C. Willis, the hon. sports secretary of the local Sailors' Institute, provides many interesting matches for Singapore teams and for the footballing representatives of many of the liners which visit the port.

During the past year no fewer than 215 matches were played by the various ships, and the representatives of the P. and O. liner Ranche proved themselves the best team.

In the final for the "Willis" Cup the Ranche team played the first Company Royal Engineers, who are stationed near Singapore, and won an excellent encounter by three goals to one. Their closest rivals in the competition were the P. and O. liner Kaiser-Hind and the Blue Funnel steamer Hector.

Since the war the Heart of Midlothian have been defeated in the semi-final for the Scottish Cup three times, in the fourth round once, the third round five times, the second round three times, and they have gone out in the first round on two occasions. The Hibernians show better figures with two finals (1923 and 1924), one semi-final, one fourth round, two third rounds, four second rounds, but four times have they gone out in the first round.

W. T. Tilden is again in the news with an amazing attack on those responsible for managing the American Davis Cup team.

He attributed the team's failure last year to "too much management from 3,000 miles away."

"Our teams have not been damaged by a captain abroad," he said, "but by a committee on this side of the ocean."

There is something rather quaint, however, about Tilden's reference to Ellsworth Vines.

"He thinks that Vines' transfer to the professional ranks is a pity," and Vines, who may recall, is in Tilden's tennis "circuit."

The Oxford and Cambridge boat race will be rowed on Saturday, March 17.

The start will be between 2.15 p.m. and 2.30 p.m., when the tide will serve best at Putney.

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LANGRIDGE AND NICHOLS SHINE

The M. C. C. beat the Indian Cricket Federation by 187 runs at Madras yesterday.

M. C. C. 288 for 8 wts. (Langridge 61, C. F. Walters 55, Nichols 57).

I. C. F. 101 (Langridge 4 for 22, Nichols 6 for 20).—Reuter.

CLUB BEAT H.K.S.R.A.
BY 5 TO 3.Potter Scores Three
Times For Winners.

CONVINCING TRIUMPH

IN a game of fast exchanges on the Marina ground yesterday the Hong Kong Hockey Club seniors defeated the H. K. and Singapore R.A. by 5 goals to 3, after leading by 2 goals to all in the first half.

J. E. Potter netted three times and J. L. Tetley and G. R. Divett each scored. The Artillery, inside forward trio each scored a goal in the second half.

Punjabis Beat Medway
Officers.ODD GOAL WIN OVER
MACAO'S CONQUERORS

The Punjab Regiment defeated the Medway Officers by the odd goal in five in a friendly hockey encounter on the Marina ground yesterday afternoon.

The Medway took the lead through Lt. Cheyne, but Kartar Singh equalised through a good effort, only for Lt. Norfolk gave the Officers the lead just before interval. Kartar Singh again levelled matters early in the second half and followed up to score the decider after a fine solo effort.

The Medway backs, Lt. Comdr. MacVicker and Lt. Comdr. Gush played well, while Dulla Singh was outstanding in the Punjabis team at centre-half.

Saints Ladies Defeat
Schoolgirls.D. G. S. BEATEN BY ODD
GOAL IN FIVE

THE St. Andrew's Ladies defeated the Diocesan Girls' School by 3 goals to 2 in a friendly hockey encounter on the D. G. S. ground yesterday.

I. Rogers, I. Gittins and M. Woolley netted for the Saints, and M. Smith and A. Buckler scored for the Schoolgirls.

NAVY LOWER DECK XI

The following will represent the Naval Lower Deck in a friendly hockey encounter against the Dragons at Happy Valley on Saturday, the game commencing at 4.15 p.m.

MacMeekin (Berwick), Steers (Medway), Oriff (Berwick), McKenna (Cumberland), Mudford (Berwick), Hodges (Medway), Burdett (Cumberland), Hetherington (Cumberland), Sumption (Medway), Tarr (Medway) and Walls (Cumberland).

RADIO'S OPPONENTS ON
SUNDAY

The following will play for the Naval Lower Deck in a friendly hockey encounter against the Radio at Caroline Hill on Sunday, at 5 p.m.

McMeekin (Berwick), Hooper (Verity), Oriff (Berwick), McKenna (Cumberland), Mudford (Berwick), Burdett (Cumberland), Hetherington (Cumberland), Sumption (Medway), Tarr (Medway) and Walls (Cumberland).

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C. A. Wright v K. M. Wong
Ng Sze Kwong v K. T. Lai
Luk and Lee v Luk and Wong
J. C. Haigh v Tam Yoc Fong
Razack and Cassumbhoy v Ricketts
and Thomas
E. C. Fincher v Y. C. Kwok
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Vines Warming Up for Duel With Tilden



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RUMJAHN 4-1 DOWN
WINS 6-2, 6-4LEONARD ENCOUNTERS NO
OPPOSITION AGAINST IU

TO-DAY'S INTERESTING PROGRAMME

D. M. McDougall, No. 1 ranking player at the Civil Service Cricket Club, provided unexpected opposition to S. A. Rumjahn, the holder, in the First Round of the Colony Lawn Tennis Championship at the H.K.C.C. yesterday. Leading by 4 games to 1 in the second set he was beaten 6-2, 6-4.

Rumjahn played beautiful tennis and outdrew his opponent in the opening stages, McDougall gaining his few points from good backhand cross-court drives.

Had McDougall possessed a stronger and better service there is very little doubt that he would have caused a sensation by eliminating the champion. McDougall was very steady, but lacked power in his backhand volleying.

Sending over a chop service McDougall was kept on the run by Rumjahn's well placed returns. Rumjahn played an all-round game to take the first set for the loss of two games.

McDougall's Big Lead

McDougall took the first game of the second set, but Rumjahn drew level on his service, thereafter McDougall, placing superbly and smashing well overhead, then took the next three games to lead at 4-1.

With Rumjahn tiring, however, McDougall became careless, and Rumjahn adopted the drop shot just over the net with a considerable measure of success to take the next five games for set and match.

J. W. Leonard, who reached the quarter-finals last year, eliminated Lu Tak-lam by scores of 6-3, 6-4 in a match featured by remarkable recoveries on the part of Leonard.

Lu has lost much of the form he displayed last year, and a lack of stamina, combined with weak backhand returns, cost him the match.

Leonard was mainly at fault in his service, and often threw away countless scoring opportunities by lobbing when a drive would have sufficed.

Leonard's Fine Recoveries

Leonard made some remarkable recoveries on the backhand from stinging kills by Lu, and this did much to demoralise the latter, whose carelessness in the second set practically gave Leonard the match.

S. A. Gray entered the second round as the result of a win over C. Amery by scores of 6-4, 6-3. Gray's service and smashing forehand driving gave him many points, while his neat recoveries on the volley and backhand, also rendered his opponent helpless on several occasions. Gray was particularly good with drives down the side-lines.

H. D. Rumjahn, who was eliminated by his cousin, S. A. Rumjahn, last year had an easy entry into the second round with a 6-0, 6-0 win over M. Drysdale.

M. Beach Thomas defeated S. E. Green, a former holder of the Singles title, in an evening contested game. Beach Thomas was the quicker of the two and his fast ground shots had Green beaten.

Green was faulty on his forehand and relied to a great extent on his backhand, enabling Beach Thomas to step in with some fine kills at the net.

A. C. C. Miers had an easy win over R. B. Hambly, while H. Y. Ho beat M. C. Hung in a listless match.

The following were the results of yesterday's matches:—

H. D. Rumjahn beat M. Drysdale 6-0, 6-0.

A. C. C. Miers beat R. B. Hambly 6-1, 6-2.

M. Beach Thomas beat S. E. Green 6-4, 6-6.

J. W. Leonard beat Lu Tak-lam 6-3, 6-4.

H. Y. Ho beat M. C. Hung 6-1, 6-8.

S. A. Rumjahn (Holder) beat D. M. McDougall 6-2, 6-4.

S. A. Gray beat C. Amery 6-4, 6-3.

Ng Sze Kwong, once holder of the title for six years in succession which is a record, will be seen in action to-day against K. T. Lai, and should not be extended.

The well-known Chinese player, though not as fast as in former years, has lost none of his artistry and sense of direction, and is still a formidable opponent.

Teddy Fincher, who has reached the Final of the Singles on three successive occasions, and the Doubles twice without recording a success, should sweep Y. C. Kwok off the court this afternoon.

His display against G. Bodiker in Canton gives rise for hopes of a Fincher comeback.

Last year he was beaten surprisingly by Ho Ka Lau.

The Chinese hope, Tsui Wai Pui, makes his debut against Chiu Chun Chiu, also of the C.R.C., and should win easily against a steady but much slower opponent.

The first match in the Doubles will be staged when I. M. A. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy, quarter finalists last year, engage G. R. M. Ricketts and M. Beach Thomas, who are expected to make a very useful combination. This undoubtedly will be the best match of the afternoon.

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MANCHESTER CITY RECEIVE
BIG SETBACK

(Continued from Page 1).

Bristol City snatched two invaluable home points by five clear goals, against Brighton. They have now displaced Newport on goal average, but are still very much in the danger zone.

Preston are now fourth in the Second Division as the result of their odd goal win at Notts Forest, though Blackpool's home win over the County has placed them in a lying position.

The surprise of the day was provided at Upton Park where the Hammers lost to Oldham by 4 goals to 1. The Lancashire team are now almost certain of avoiding relegation.

RANGERS TO MEET HEARTS
IN SCOTTISH CUP

(Continued from Column 1).

Motherwell, who beat Partick Thistle by 2 goals to 1 in their home replay yesterday after sharing four goals at Partick on Saturday, should encounter little difficulty in their home tie against East Stirling, a former First Division Club who eliminated Arbroath on their own ground by three clear goals in their replay yesterday. Motherwell were finalists last season.

Albion, giant-killers in that they eliminated Kilmarnock in their home match, on Saturday, have been given an easy passage into the last eight by virtue of a home draw against Ross County.

Queen of the South may encounter stiff opposition on their own ground against Cowdenbeath, but should win through on their present form.

The Hibernians have been favoured with an attractive home tie against Aberdeen, but they are not expected to progress further. St. Johnstone and St. Mirren have drawn byes into the Fourth Round.

FIRST DIVISION

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Derby	27	15	5	7	64	37	37
Arsenal	27	14	6	5	45	26	35
Huddersfield	27	13	8	5	51	31	31
Manchester C.	27	13	8	5	42	29	31
Tottenham	28	14	10	4	52	49	32
Blackburn	28	13	11	4	49	30	30
Wednesday	28	12	10	6	48	30	30
Portsmouth	27	12	10	8	34	31	29
W. Bromwich	28	11	10	7	47	43	29
Millersboro	27	13	12	2	50	53	28
Everton	27	10	9	8	44	42	28
Wolves	27	9	9	9	51	60	27
Newcastle	28	9	10	9	53	51	27
Aston Villa	28	9	10	9	55	58	28
Sunderland	28	9	10	9	55	58	28
Leeds	27	9	12	6	45	44	24
Liverpool	27	8	13	6	49	39	23
Leicester	24	7	10	7	34	36	21
Stoke	27	7	13	7	31	53	21
Birmingham	27	6	11	11	28	31	21
Sheffield U.	27	7	15	6	37	73	20
Chelsea	26	6	15	5	36	50	17

SECOND DIVISION

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	27	20	7	0	67	32	40
Brentford	27	14	8	5	60	44	33
Port Vale	27	14	9	4	49	33	32
Bolton	28	14	10	2	50	42	30
Plymouth	27	11	8	8	58	49	30
Bury	28	11	9	8	49	54	30
Preston	27	12	9	5	51	38	31
Blackpool	27	12	8	7	42	35	31
Oldham	27	10	10	7	41	41	27
Bradford	27	13	1	1	52	27	27
Fulham	27	11	11	5	34	27	27
West Ham	27	9	10	8	53	55	26
Southampton	26	10	11	5	34	32	25
Bradford C.	27	11	13	3	43	47	25
Hull	26	8	10	8	35	34	24
Barnley	27	10	13	4	45	45	24
Notts C.	28	9	13	6	43	48	24
Millwall	26	8	12	6	25	39	22
Notts P.	27	8	13	6	43	48	22
Swansea	27	6	11	10	33	40	22
Manchester U.	27	9	15	3	42	42	21
Lincoln	26	7	14	5	27	37	19

THIRD DIVISION (South)

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Norwich	26	16	5	5	62	40	37
Queen's P. R.	26	15	6	5	49	31	35
Coventry	27	14	7	6	55	35	34
Reading	26	13	6	7	58	38	32
Exeter	27	14	8	4	54	43	32
Charlton	25	14	8	3	57	35	31
Bristol R.	25	13	7	5	53	45	31
Luton	27	15	8	6	56	47	30
Walsworth	26	9	7	10	33	34	28
Sheff. Wed.	26	11	10	5	37	42	27
Sheff. Utd.	26	9	10	7	41	48	26
Northampton	26	10	10	6	49	43	26
Wolton	27	9	12	8	47	57	24
Brighton	26	7	11	8	36	40	22
Torquay	26	9	12	4	33	56	23
Southend	26	7	11	7	33	45	21
Walsworth	27	8	14	5	35	45	21
Derby	26	8	11	4	11	37	20
Hillingham	26	7	11	6	35	38	20
Grimsby	26	5	11	9	36	38	19
Leeds Utd.	26	4	11	11	29	46	19
Cardiff	26	7	15	3	37	63	17

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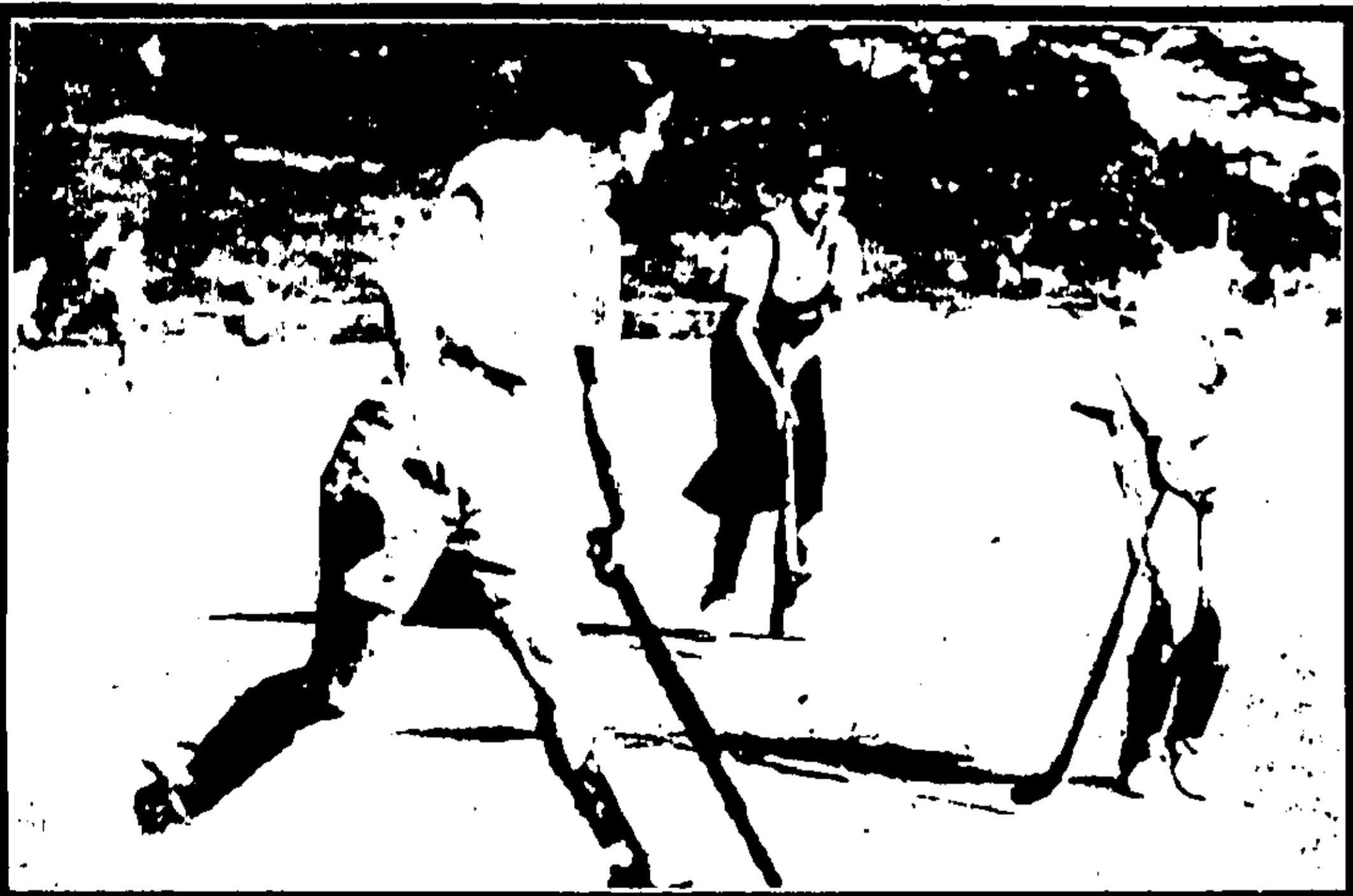
The Central British School hockey eleven which ranks last but one in the Caer Clark Cup competition, having won only one match in seven. — (King's Studio).



Mr. Douglas Walter Mortlock, sub-accountant of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, with his bride, Miss Kathleen Niblock, after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral, last Saturday. — (King's Studio).



The Central British Association Ladies' hockey team, third in the Caer Clark Cup competition, who have only twice been defeated. — (King's Studio).



An incident in the C.B.A. C.B.S. hockey match at King's Park when the school team was defeated by five goals to nil. — (King's Studio).



The Central British School team clearing in their Caer Clark Cup game against the C.B.A. Ladies, last Saturday. — (King's Studio).



The combined Chinese football eleven which drew, five goals all, with the Interport team, last Saturday. — (King's Studio).



"The Rest of the Colony" rugby fifteen at half-time in their match against the Interport "Probables," last Saturday. — (King's Studio).



The Hong Kong Interport football team which leaves for Shanghai on the s.s. Cormorin, on Friday. — (King's Studio).



Group taken at the reception at the Ching Wah College, Glenealy, on February 3, to welcome a new teacher, Mr. Lee Kee-thye (seated second from left). Mr. Hung Chi-po, the headmaster is seen seated in the centre.

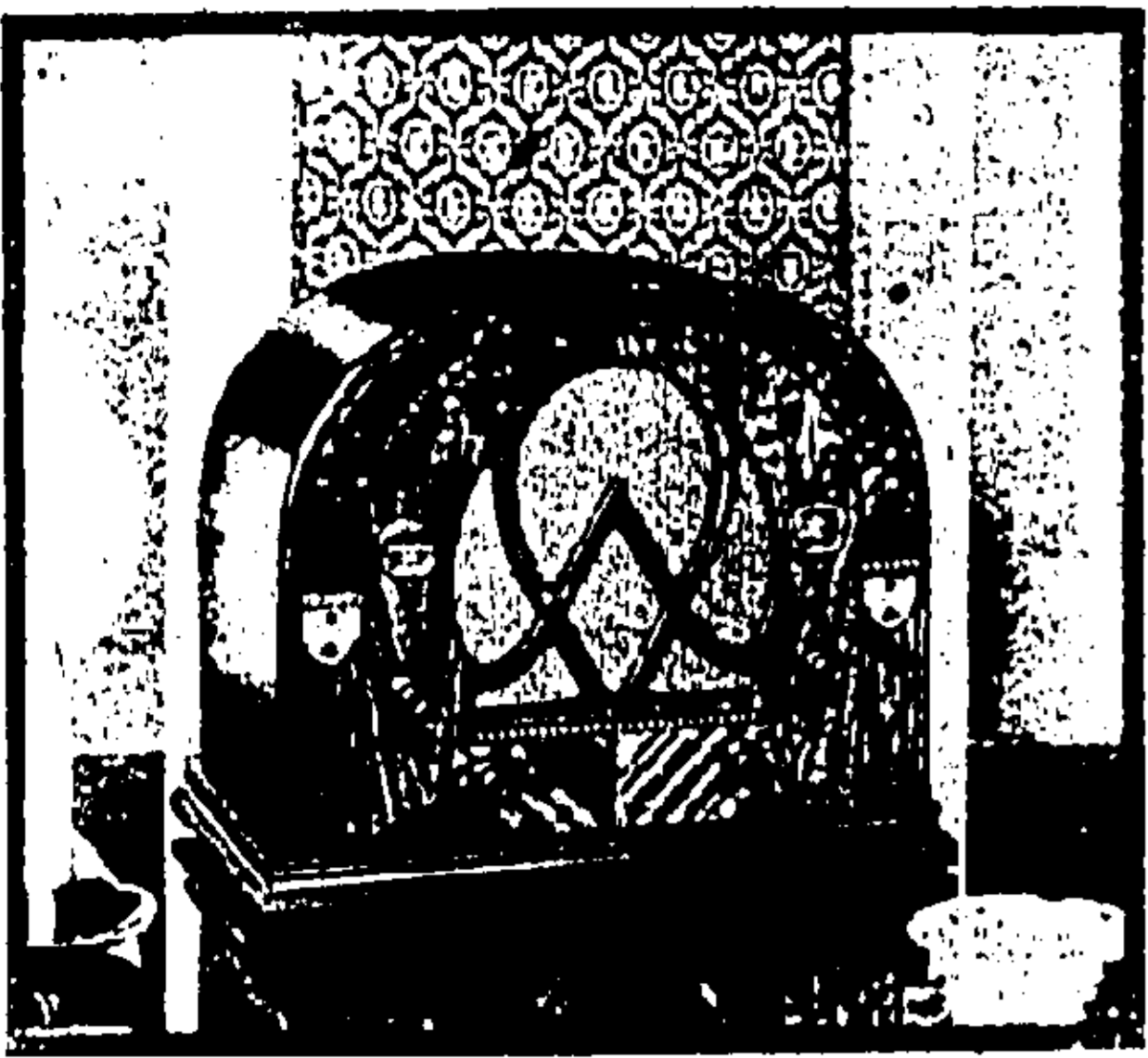


Ho Kar-keung (Athletic) heading a pass in the Combined Chinese-Interport Eleven match at Kowloon, last Saturday. — (King's Studio).



The "Probable" Interport rugby fifteen were beaten by the "Rest of the Colony" at Happy Valley on Saturday, by seven points to six. The pictures show a line-out (left) and a scrum, during the game.

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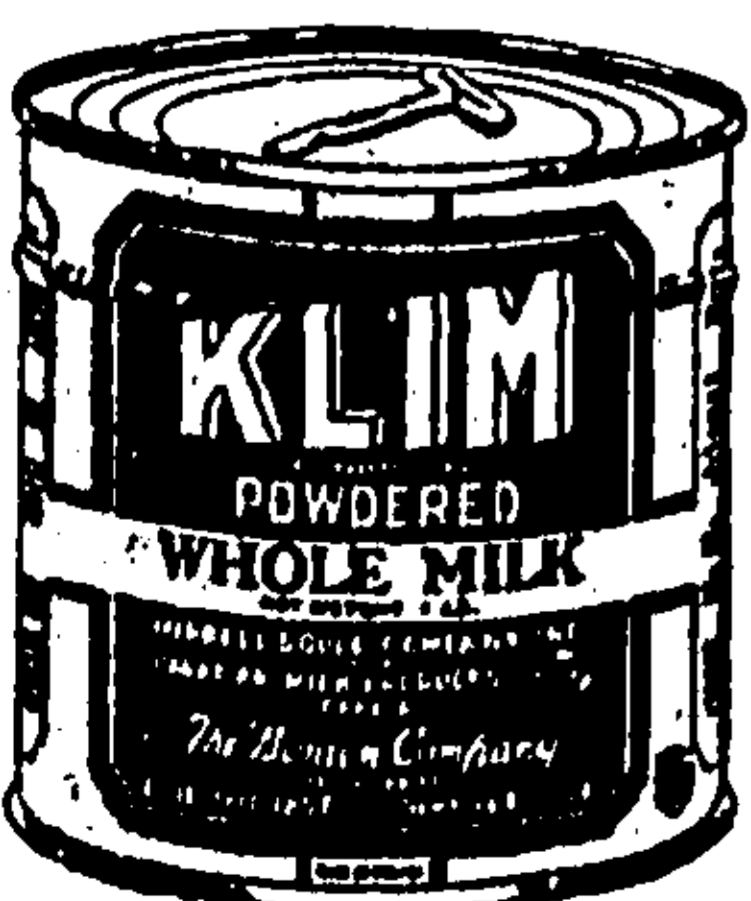
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The "Y" Ladies who rank fifth in the Caer Clark Cup hockey competition. They were defeated on Saturday by St. Andrew's Ladies by three goals to one. — (King's Studio).



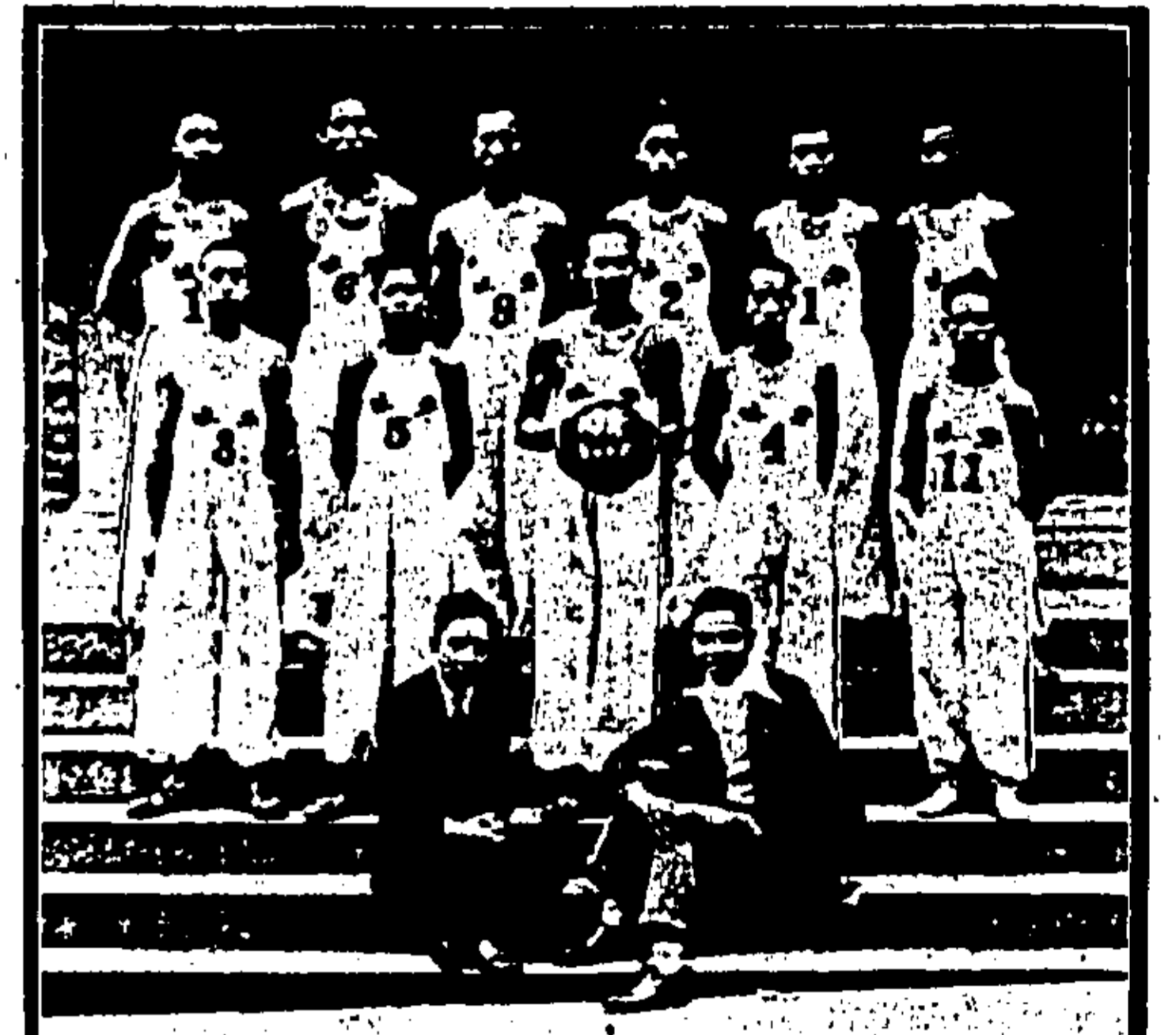
The Recreio Ladies "B" team who are bottom in the Caer Clark Cup competition, having lost all six matches. Their last defeat was at the hands of the C. B. A. by six goals to nil.



An amusing quartette who took part in the New Year's Day costume carnival on skis at Savvettia House, St. Moritz, Switzerland. — (S. & G.).



Group taken at the headquarters of the Chinese Art and Literary Society on the occasion of the memorial service to the late Mr. Ko Kei-fong, the well-known artist.



The Chinese Y.M.C.A. "Workmen's" basket-ball team for 1934, seen at the institution at Bridges Street. — (King's Studio).



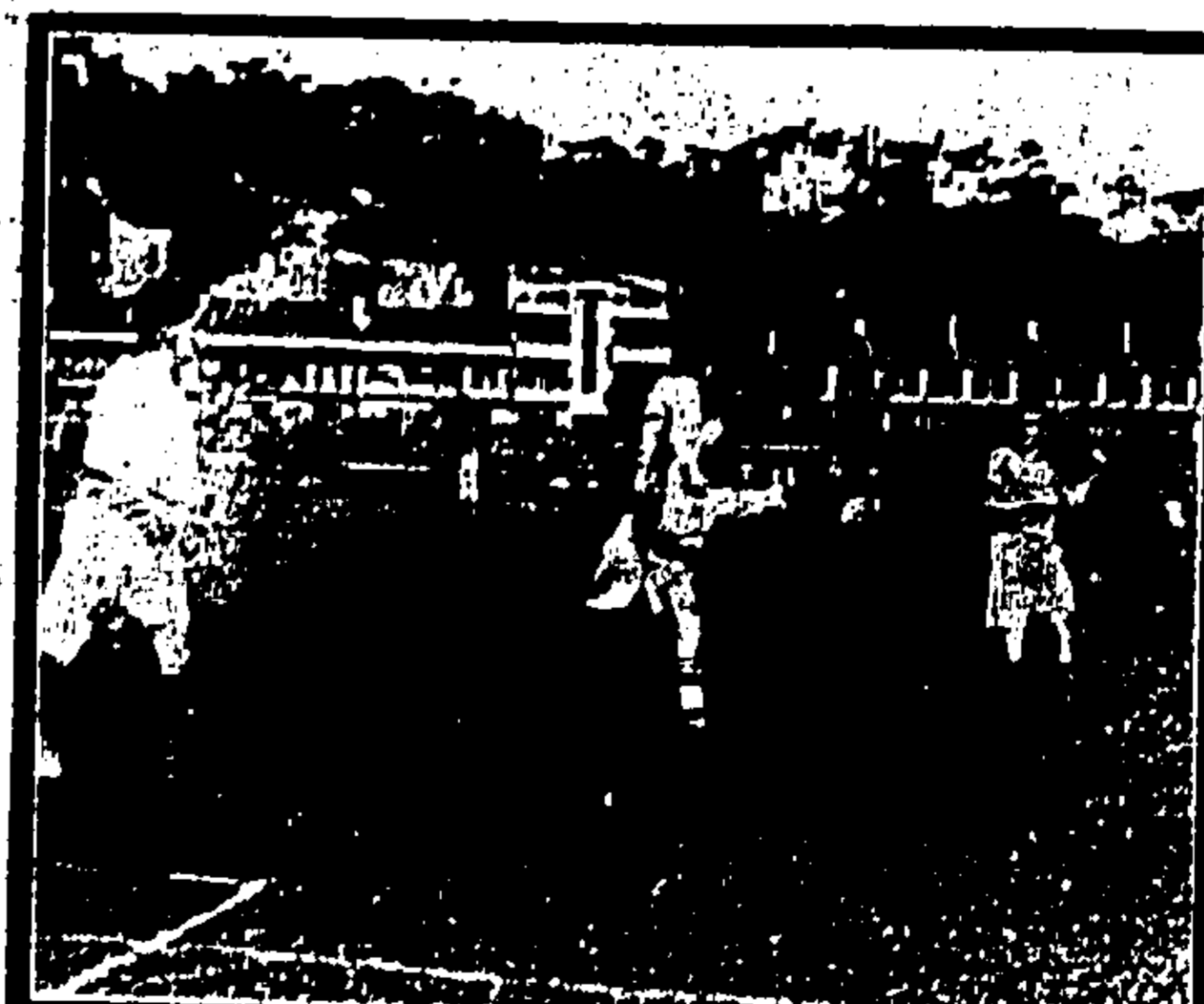
"Cornered" by the camera-man. The Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association football team, who played a drawn game with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange team on January 31. — (King's Studio).



The Hong Kong Stock Exchange eleven. Dr. J. A. R. Selby, who refereed the game, is seated in the centre, while Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, who presented the Challenge Cup, is standing fourth from left. — (King's Studio).



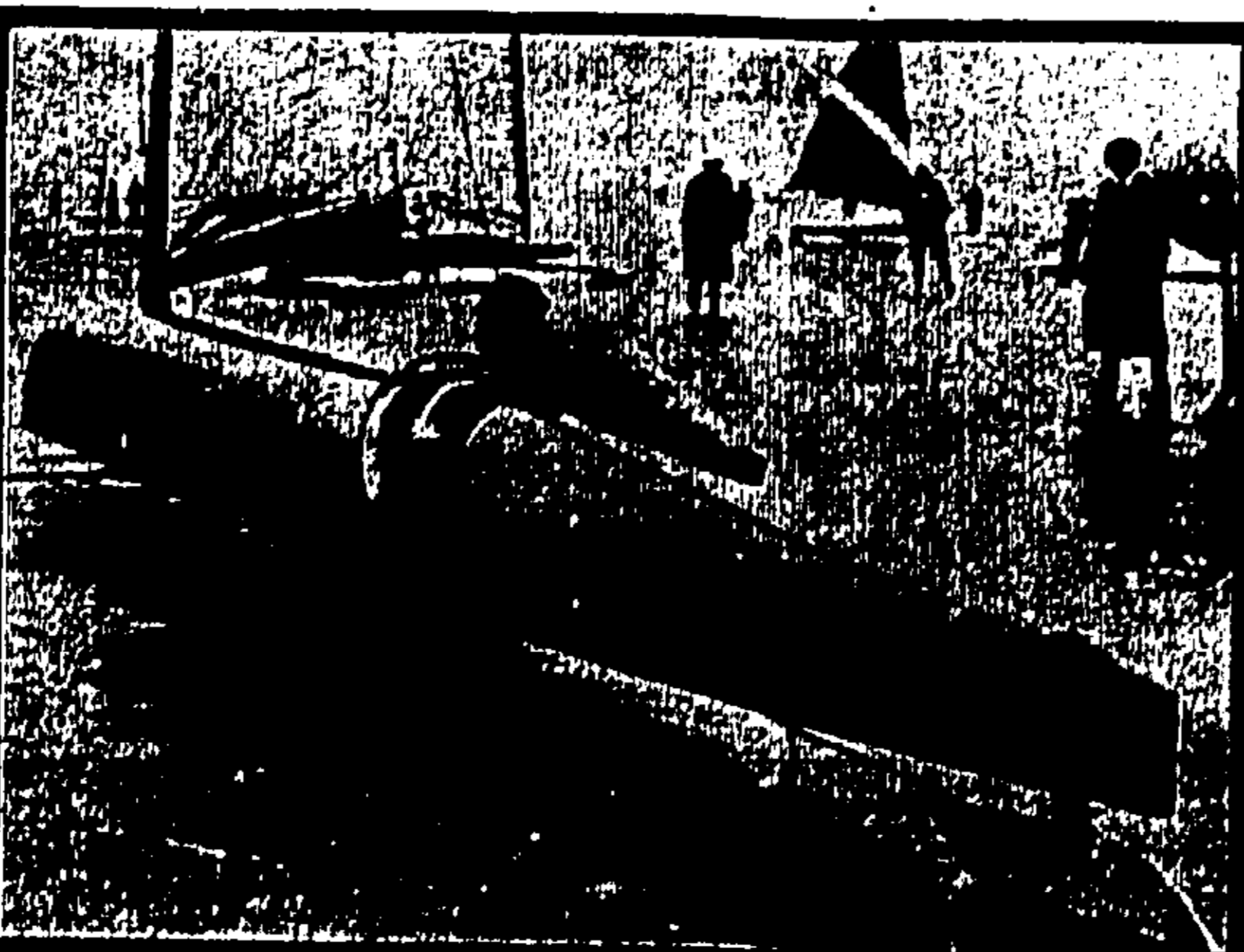
Some lively incidents were seen when the local stockbrokers met on the football field on January 31. The camera "caught" Mr. Leo Weill rising to the occasion.



Mr. W. Zimmern, defending for the Stock Exchange. He appears well-backed by two of his colleagues. — (King's Studio).



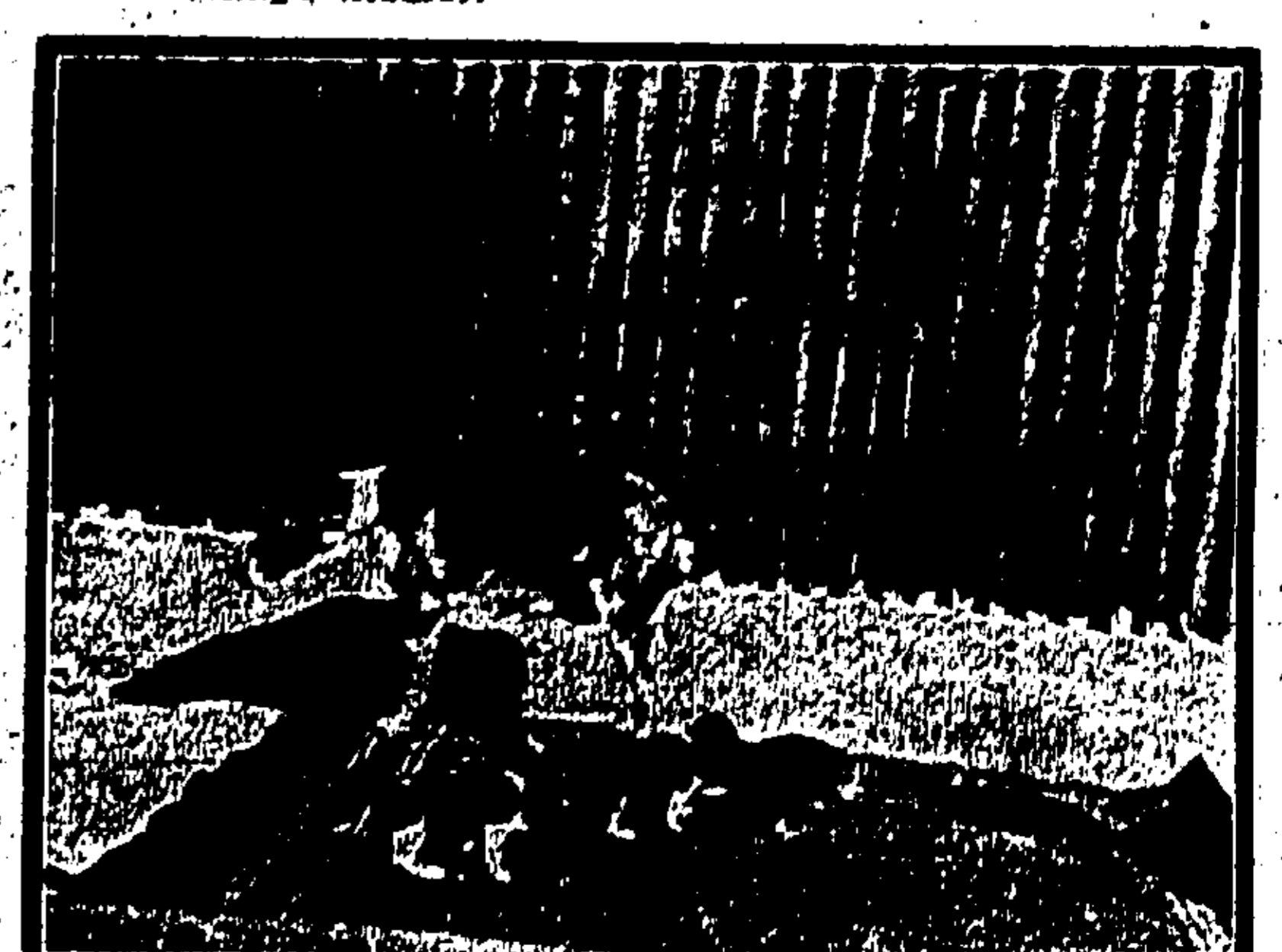
The Sharebrokers get in on the ground floor. Mr. T. Ko, extreme right, is seen netting the equalling goal. — (King's Studio).



The "Ice Zeppelin", the latest appliance for ice gliding, seen at Rangsdorfer, near Berlin. The new glider was introduced by Mr. Franze Schroder, of the Berlin Ice-Gliding Club. — (S. & G.).



Prudence, one of the Fanling pack of fox-hounds, with four of her pups at Shamshulpo Barracks.



Another picture of the pups, which are thriving under the care of L./Cpl. C. W. Thornhill of the Lincolnshire Regiment.

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"TAKE A CHANCE" BRINGS BACK OLD SCREEN FAVOURITES

"THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HENRY VIII" DUE SHORTLY AT THE KING'S.

Wonderful Photography Of The Arctic Seen In "S.O.S. Iceberg."

"The Torch Singer." The Torch Singer was retitled "Cabaret Singer" in England, so you can guess the subject.

Admirers of Claudette Colbert (and they are legion) will certainly be satisfied with the outstanding performance, from every viewpoint, given by the Star. She runs the full gamut of emotions, sings charmingly (no double being used for this) and parades striking gowns.

The plot—well it has been done many many times, but the Directors, (new names to me) Alexander Hall and George Sommes are to be commended in that they manage some ingenious situations, while rehash of a well-worn theme is extremely well done. The settings provided by Paramount are elegant in the extreme. The settings provided by Paramount are elegant in the extreme. The cast is a most desirable one, comprising such artists as the ever-reliable Ricardo Cortez, handsome David Manners, who plays an unsympathetic role in his best manner, Lyda Roberti (one-time singer in Shanghai cabarets) Baby le Roy, (the famous infant we have still to see in his first success with Chevalier) who gives us only about three minutes of his valuable time, Cora Sue Collins, (remembered as the wee girl in "Smilin' Through," and now acting Garbo as a child in the film Queen's latest) and Florence Roberts among others.

The film is a mixture of sob stuff, night life, radios, babies, and love. Claudette outshines everyone, and I have seldom seen her looking more lovely. The story is merely good old-fashioned "dramma" with the end coming amid soft music and sobs. You will surely hand a bouquet to the lovely French lady (now Mrs. Norman Foster), who makes it all so believable and entertaining. —Alhambra, Kowloon.

"Take A Chance." "The Torch Singer" is followed by another Paramount adapted from a Broadway success, "Take A Chance"—just another of those back-stage stories with catchy music, good dance numbers and fine acting. Many names I notices in the cast, who have been absent too long from the screen; Charles "Buddy" Rogers, once the "flapper delight", Lillian Roth (never to be forgotten as the maid in the "Love Parade") Lillian Bond (ow deserting films for Broadway) and Cliff (Ukeleleke) Edwards.

James Dunn will surprise you when he steps out of romance and shows a real talent for musicomedie. The story deals with two crooks in a Carnival show who want June Knight (one-time Follies girl, and seen here in "Ladies Must Love") to work in a Broadway show with the help of Lillian Bond and her rich admirer Buddy Rogers.

Excellent musical numbers, constant mix-ups, amiable bickering between Dunn and Roth, and Knight and Rogers, a villain who tries to stop the opening of the show—which, as in all back-stage stories, is either a flop or a riot; but I leave you to go and find out what happens.

You will most certainly come out humming "Come up and see me some time," and "It's Only A Paper Moon". I guarantee an enjoyable time at the new Alhambra, Kowloon.

"S.O.S. Iceberg." Director Tay Garnett and his company are said to have spent a year on location somewhere in Greenland to make the picture "S.O.S. Iceberg."

Love and sin have been replaced in this film by human substitutes. Arctic scenery of unparalleled beauty is the strongest feature of the picture.

Cameramen Schnoeberger and Ernst are responsible for the serial set of iceberg portraits, avalanches, huskies on the sleds line bears on ice pinnacles, whirling snow clouds, and other scenes. There is more than enough to make it an enjoyable picture, but there is something more: some have been strung together on a thread of a plot.

Unforgettable scenes include the famous Gorman, aviator Ernst Udet, piloting his rescue plane over endless crags of ice, the pursuit of a man through icy waters, the towering, menacing icebergs; while every lover of dogs will respond to the handsome, almost human, animals in the film.

The story is simple and concerns an expedition to the North to discover the remains of a dead explorer, and the eventual rescue of the party by plane.

Rod la Rocque and the German actress Leni Riefenstahl are chief among the cast. Though romantic interest is almost absent, and the acting nothing to be excited about, the picture is more than ordinarily interesting because of the strangeness of the Far North and the magnificent camera work.—Central.

Other Attractions. This is followed by two British films. You will be most unwise if you miss the greatest bass singer of all time, the Russian Chaliapin in "Don Quixote", and then adorable Bebe Daniels in her first film made in England, "The Song you gave me."

The story gives this charming artist full scope for her beauty and talent. Victor Varconi, Claude Culbert, Lester Matthews and Frederick Lloyd are among others present.

I must remark on the wise step taken by the Central Management in lowering the prices, which now range from 35 cents to \$1 and what is most important is that first run pictures will be shown. Personal recommendation for these films. (Central).

King's Theatre. "It's a Boy" gives you your choice of three different types of comedians—Leslie Henson, Albert Burdon and Edward Everett Horton. It is a pity that the female support are given no chance as the silly plot revolves round the men.

The photography is not good, and I can't say much for the gowns. Wendy Barrie only has to weep appealingly. Heather Thatcher, who is not treated too kindly by the camera, has to stand by, while the so-called humour progresses.

I have no doubt that this picture will amuse some people; therefore I leave it at that.

This is followed by the super production turned out by the London Film Company under the direction of that Studio's head man Alexander Korda, the Hungarian. I think he must have commissioned Laos and Arthur Wimperis to write "The Private Life of Henry VIII". Charles Langton is the picture.—King's.

Majestic Programmes. The Majestic are catering for all tastes this coming week.

Buster Crabbe more than holds his own against Wellesmiller's portrayal of "Tarzan"; then comes a British musical, "King of the Ritz"; with Betty Stockfield, Henry Kendall and Stanley Lupino—in its way quite amusing; and then the latest and one of the best of Eddie Cantor's, "The Kid from Spain", well worth seeing at least twice. (Majestic, Kowloon).

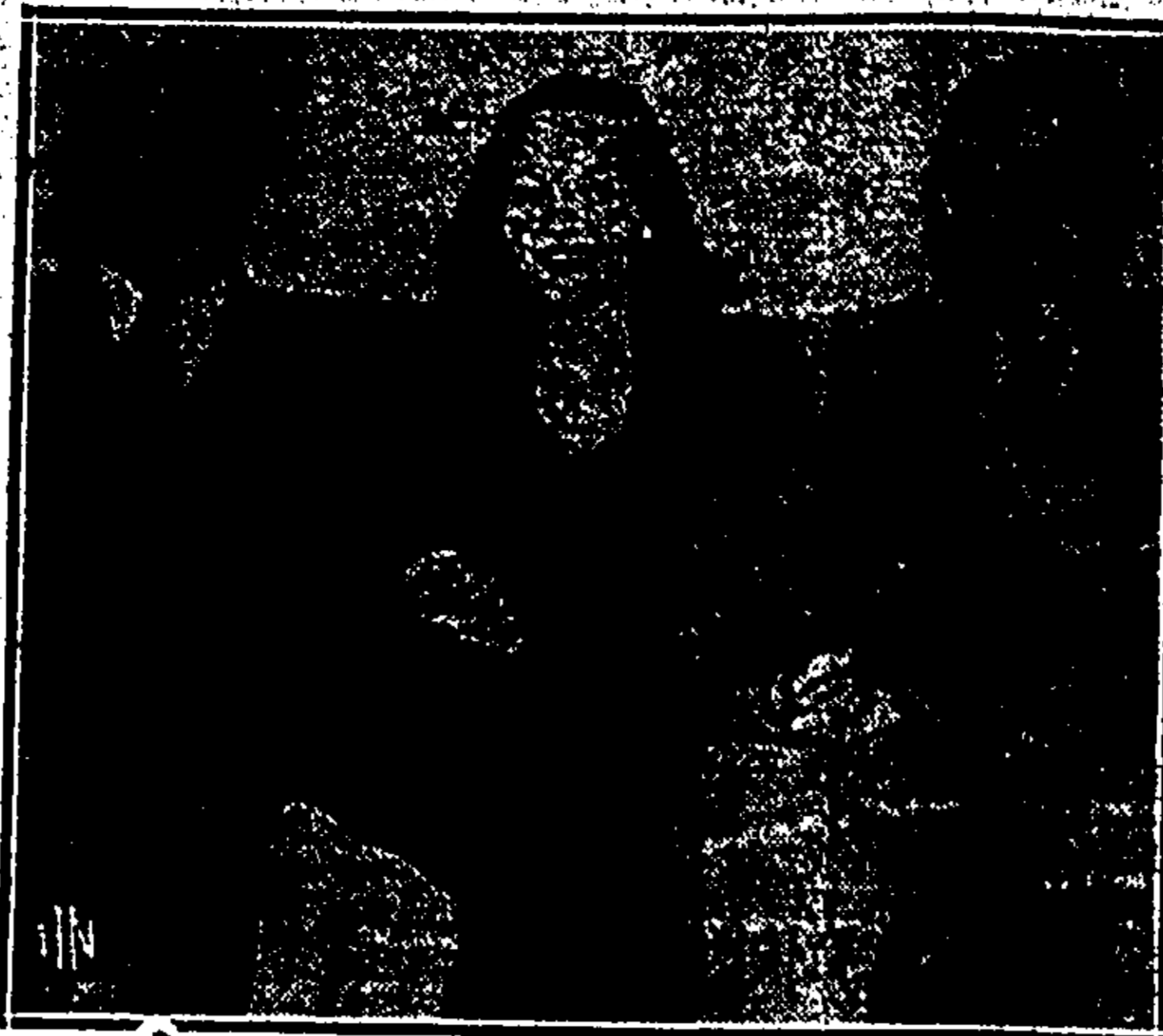
In "Meet the Baron", Jack Pearl, famous Radio entertainer in the States, Jimmy Durante, Zasu Pitts and Edna May Oliver introduce Pearl's nonsense to the screen.

The two comedians, Pearl and Durante, are servants of the real Baron Munchausen, and on arrival in New York are mistaken for the famous explorer.

The two imposters stage some hilarious gags, but Ted Healey and his stooges (seen here in "Shorts" of late) steal most of the real laughs.

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Solons Welcome Prodigal Star



See J. H. Bankhead Tallulah Bankhead Rep. Wm. Bankhead For the first time in seventeen years, during which she has won fame and fortune on stage and screen, Tallulah Bankhead spent the holidays in her home town, Jasper, Ala. She is shown with two of her menfolk, prominent figures in national affairs, U. S. Senator John H. Bankhead, her uncle, and Representative William Bankhead, her father.

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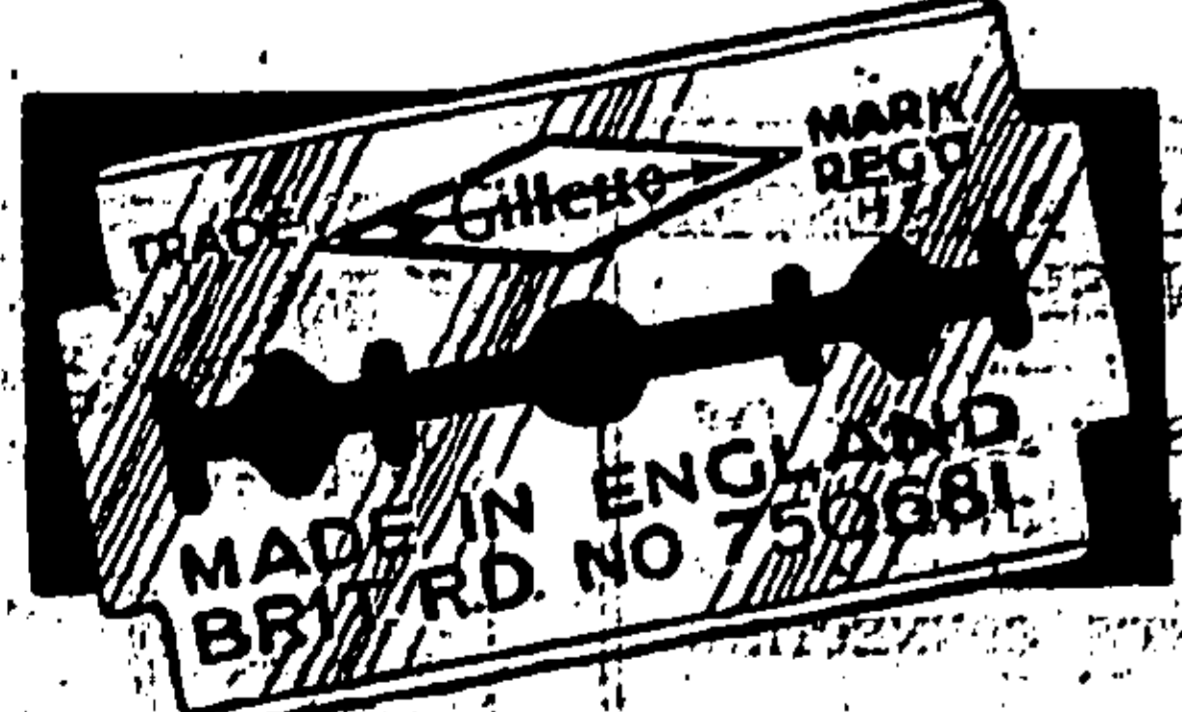


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Cost of the "New Deal."

President Roosevelt's financial policy is taking rapid turns, as illustrated by the estimate that the cost of the Federal Government's contingent liabilities under current programmes is 15,135 million dollars, equal at to-day's rate to about £3,000,000,000 sterling. Foreign commentators agree the chief difficulty encountered by Washington has been the non-response of capital investment to the plan of "undertaking social reform as a means of nourishing national recovery." Mr. T. Balogh, an economist, writing in the "Nineteenth Century" forecast that collapse would face the President unless the Government should greatly increase its investment in fields into which business entrepreneurs could not yet be persuaded. He showed that the avenues of such Government investment would have to be these—subsidies to destitute unemployed, direct public works (roads and housing), and cheap loans in subsidy of commercial investment. This is precisely what Washington is now proposing to do. The new special programme over two years mooted by an N.R.A. survey contemplates expenditure in such ways of 14,500 million dollars, most of it additional to the original estimate of contingent liabilities. An outstanding item in this programme is housing. For weeks business and financial critics in the United States have been representing that it is impossible to expect commercial investment in house-building, though much waits to be done, in an era of rising prices, declining dollar values, and uncertainty about inflation. That instance will stand for the difficulty which Washington finds in getting the individual investor to risk his money, and the reason why national funds are to be employed to take his place. But inevitably the community will have to pay for this huge expenditure, and the opposition beginning to appear is from those who are counting the cost and are appalled at the prospect. It seems that the President has girded up his loins to make a display of Government expenditure, and to put unemployed to any sort of work, in order to confront Congress with a new rhythm in N.R.A. progress (as a writer says in the "Fortnightly Review"). Congressmen are said to be twenty to one in favour of a general issue of "greenbacks" from the printing press, and the farmers to be "inflationist to a man." The proposed new outlay of 14,500 million dollars to stimulate employment over two years follows upon a "fundamental change in the relief programme" ordered by the President early in November. The designed absorption of 6,000,000 unemployed by the beginning of winter having failed, the President issued instructions for the expenditure of 600 million dollars in November, December, and January, in removing from the relief rolls 2,000,000 workless men at once. (November 8) and 2,000,000 more on December 1. They are to be employed at 50 dollars a month on roads, parks, and sanitation works, leaving still 4,000,000 (6,000,000, according to the Federation of Labour) dependent on charity. The "dole" rate for these is 20 dollars a month. The "New York Times," in discussing this special winter programme, says that 400 of the 600 millions will come out of the 3,800 millions works appropriation sanctioned by Congress, and that there will then be 600 million dollars remaining in that "relief" reservoir. That is to say, the Government will have spent of it 2,700 million since mid-June, a rate of about 400 millions a month. The N.R.A. building programme now reported proposes hereafter to spend at a rate of 600 million dollars a month for two years. It seems that the Congress appropriation has not generally been spent in the manner designed—that is, in allotment to States and cities on condition of local contribution to the loan fund. During the depression these local authorities have borrowed up to the limit allowed by their Constitutions, and are now unable to borrow any more. Hence, such distribution of Federal funds has in many instances been withheld under the law, and the funds have been debbled out in other ways. A considerable breach, too, has been made in the Administration's original rule that the money should be expended only in self-liquidating, that is, strictly reproductive, enterprises. It is clear that this vast Government outlay on credit is alarming thinking Americans, and well it may. Meanwhile, the President's chief asset at the moment with his people generally is that, as one writer puts it, "while the country is not sure he is on the right track, it believes he is the right man to follow." If that be the sentiment, everything seems to depend on Mr. Roosevelt's retaining his authority with Congress.

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Clothes And The Man

The editor of the "Tailor and Cutter," has been analysing the list of the world's 10 best-dressed men. It was compiled by tailors in London, Hollywood, and New York.

They have all the literary distinction, combined with unsparring candour, which the public are accustomed to expect from this distinguished sartorial journalist.

Of Lord Westmorland, who heads the tailors' list, the editor of the "Tailor and Cutter" says that his lordship "is notable for combining stylish morning dress with comfort, and in the summer dispenses with his waistcoat under a smartly cut morning coat."

The clothes of Sir John Buchanan-Jardine arouse this talented pen to enthusiasm. Sir John "comes near to perfection at Ascot, for with flawless formal clothes he adds several individual traits. His top-hat is never stereotyped, his cravat and collar are individual. By day he is a study in elegance, by night a sartorial nocturne."

And so to Sir Austen Chamberlain—"always well turned out, in sombre but unimpeachable style."

The Monster Day By Day

There was news in England last month of yet another "monster."

It was a sea-horse, and it lived in Loch Swainaval, in the Lewes.

A sportsman rented the shooting round this loch. He was told by his gillie that some girls saw the sea-horse basking on a sandy beach, and fled in terror. He had never seen the beast himself, but his father had seen its spoor in the snow.

On being asked how his father had known that they were the tracks of the sea-horse he replied: "Because they were just like bottles." House agents are beginning to announce houses as "with desirable views over Loch Ness and the monster."

The Bunyip Exposed

As for the "bunyip," the reported Australian monster, a man who lived for some years in the bush states that there is no such animal, except in the imagination of the Australian aborigine.

The same authority has an explanation of the roaring noise which, emanating from Lake George, near Canberra, started another monster story on its rounds.

The noise, he says, has now been fairly accurately traced to the cock bustard, which at mating season emits a loud, hoarse roar.

The Kilt in Germany

When Mr. Frederick Wilson, Berlin's old British resident, who recently died, went to Germany 65 years ago he wore a kilt, to the surprise of the Berliners.

A Scot tells of the trying experience he had in Hamburg during the Boer War. He, too, wore the kilt as a schoolboy. When he went to spend a holiday at Altona, Hamburg's leading suburb, he ignored advice to discard the kilt.

Every day he was followed through the streets by jeering crowds of urchins. Their favourite cry was "Look at the pretty English girl."

Facts You Did Not Know.

Small balloons carrying automatic radio equipment have reported atmospheric conditions at an elevation of 50,000 feet to experimenters in Europe.

A tracing box with an inside light has been invented for drawing duplicating machine, stenolls that prevents the stenolls being heated by the light.

Diesel-electric locomotives are being tried on the Indian State Railways in an endeavour to reduce the expense of operating trains for short distances.

A new ice cream freezer does its work with the aid of carbon dioxide gas instead of ice, freezing its contents in three minutes when a handle is turned.

The Turkish government has established a branch of its Ministry of National Defence to organise and operate commercial air lines within the country.

STAVISKY-HIS PAST AND BACKGROUND

AMAZING CAREER OF ARCH-SWINDLER

REVELS ON THE RIVIERA

(By George Slocombe.)

Serge Alexandre Stavisky died on January 9 following the Bayonne bond swindle, leaving behind him an inconsolable widow, a Government shaken to its foundations, several of his subordinates in prison on grave charges, many banks, insurance societies and private investors the bearers of worthless bonds, and a nation moved partly to anger and partly to admiration by the most audacious series of swindles operated in France within living memory.

Consider the career of this extraordinary man from the day, 47 years ago, on which he was born in Russian snows at Sobodkato, to the day on which he fell, hunted like a tracked beast to his lair in the snows above Chamonix.

Kreuger moved in the upper circles of international finance. Stavisky moved in the lower. His was the peculiar underworld of gambling resorts, speculations in rotten currencies, and traffic in forbidden pleasures. A hundred men of his type can be found to-day moving in the dark purloins of the Black Bourse in Berlin, Vienna, and Paris.

His pre-war career had been comparatively uneventful, a charge of fraud in connection with a shopkeepers' gala which he had organised in the Champs Elysees earned him three months' imprisonment, which, however, he did not serve as a first offender. Later he changed his name—one of many changes—and began again.

His record during the war is lost save that he evaded military service by a subterfuge, which can be only guessed at by the French police. And he emerged from these fateful years smiling, with a string of new enterprises and new aliases.

He next came under the notice of the authorities in 1921.

His gay good looks and insolent self-confidence had charmed and vanquished an impressionable young actress to whom a French pilot, killed in the war, had left a considerable bequest in jewels. Stavisky persuaded her to part with the jewels, and when the lovers parted company the humiliated woman prosecuted him.

He was sentenced this time to 13 months' imprisonment, but after three months the smooth-tongued adventurer had been acquitted on appeal; a most unusual event in the annals of the slow-moving French Appeal Court. Even then the protective shadow of powerful friends in the background seemed to be cast over the enterprise of Stavisky.

Lived in Lay of Luxury

From 1921 onward he was immune from police intervention, and although the police shadowed him everywhere, as he actually once complained to M. Chippie, Prefect of Police, Stavisky's audacity grew with his success.

From 1921-28 his multifarious activities ranged from night-clubs in Montmartre to running banks at bacarat at Deauville, Cannes, and other resorts.

Banned from the table at one casino after another for cheating, he calmly founded a chain of establishments which bought jewels at low prices from needy gamblers and raised money at the Credit Municipal of Orleans.

During this period the ventures of Stavisky grew to amazing proportions. He founded cinema trusts and Co-operative societies, and even launched a fantastic invention which was said to determine approaching maternity.

He lived on a lavish scale. He had, like Louis XIV., a sumptuous chateau at Marly, to which he invited the great figures in cosmopolitan Paris society.

He moved from Cannes to Deauville, from Nice to Biarritz in the same state as an Eastern prince. Finally, he married a beautiful Paris mannequin.

In 1926, however, a minor disaster had occurred. One of his frauds was discovered, and he was imprisoned in the Sainte Prison. His dentist, who, like himself, was a father, a respectable surgeon-naturalised Frenchman, committed suicide in despair at his son's disgrace.

Stavisky appealed on a technical question, and he was soon released, and from that time he was not molested until the end.

He was next heard of in Budapest. He had several projects for making a fabulous fortune composed by employing the machinery of one of the provincial Credits Municipaux—of which he had already seen the advantages—to tap the inexhaustible savings of the French nation and divert a large part of them into his own pocket. His methods had the simplicity of genius.

Orgies in Hungary

The Credit Municipal of Bayonne was managed by M. Tissier who is now arrested on charges of fraud, and as a provincial credit institution is empowered by the State to issue bonds against securities.

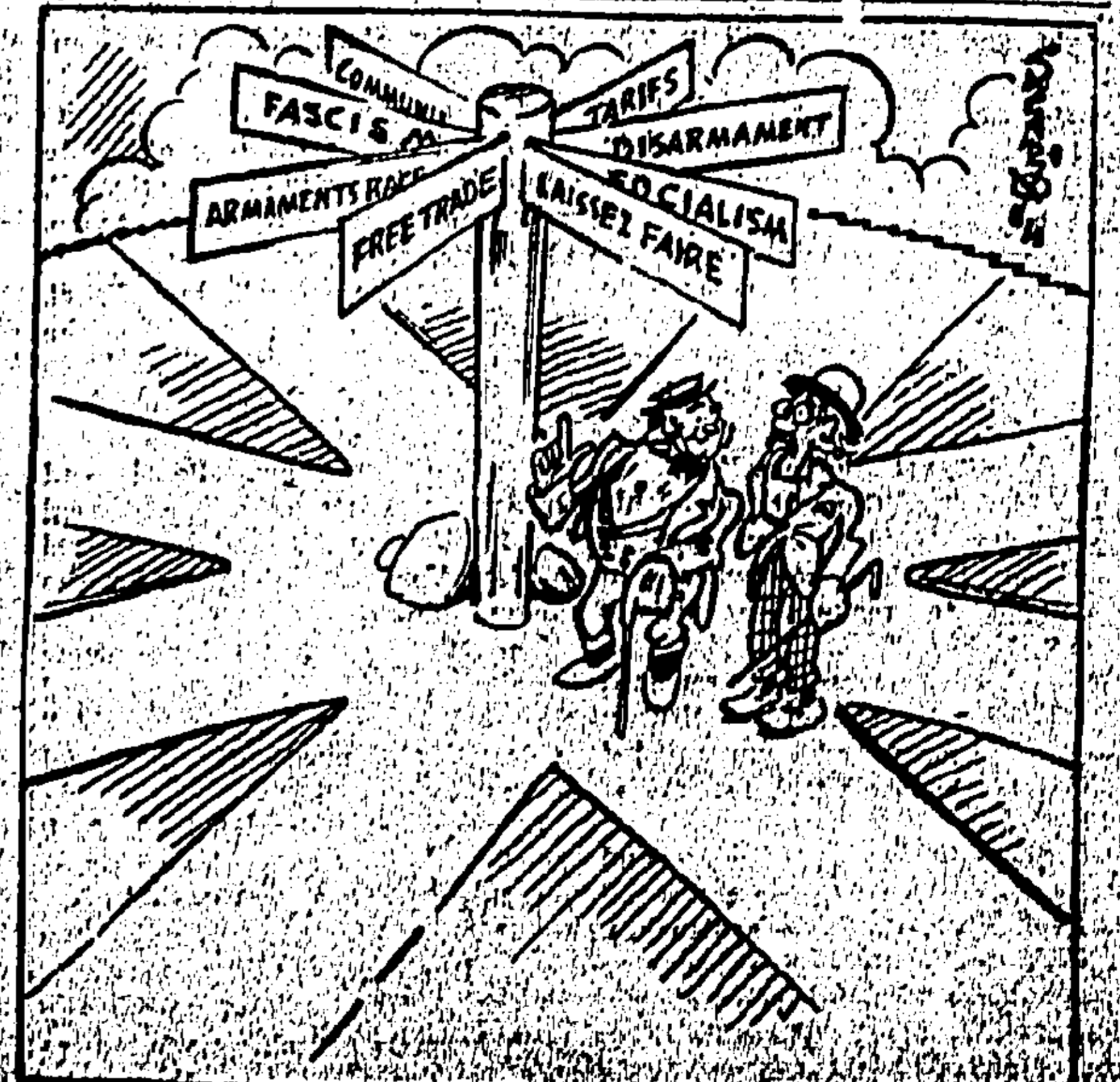
Friends of Stavisky induced industrial insurance societies and other public corporations to buy Bayonne bonds as a reputable and safe investment.

These bonds purchased were only debited to a percentage of their nominal value in the books of the Bayonne establishment.

The difference was pocketed by Stavisky to finance a much more considerable deal—the buying out of the Hungarian optants whose claims to compensation were recognised under The Hague settlement.

Accordingly, we find Stavisky in Budapest. He becomes a familiar figure in the social life of the Hungarian capital. He is received by the ex-Premier, Count Jules Karolyi, and the late Count Katsuryi, a Grand Master of the Order of Malta, and both received from him generous advances on account of the sale of their confiscated lands.

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE, MAC?

Revenue Declines On "Star" Ferries

Fleet Of Six Modern Vessels Operating

SPECIAL \$50,000 FUND APPROVED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the "Star Ferry Co. Ltd., was held at the Board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd., this morning when the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), presided. He was supported by Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. H. H. Priestley, Mr. J. P. Warren, Directors, and Mr. F. H. Crappell, Secretary.

The following shareholders were present: Messrs. G. Castle, W. N. Groves, G. B. S. Thomson, D. MacKenzie, Frank Austin, attorney for A. J. David, J. D. Dandy, J. H. Seth, A. W. Heron, E. G. Smith, J. F. Grose, P. S. Cassidy, W. F. Simmons, J. H. R. Hance.

Chairman's Speech.
The Chairman, addressing the meeting, said:

Gentlemen, the Ferry earnings for the past year were \$9,598 less than the previous year. There was a considerable falling off in traffic during the latter part in 1933; this was not surprising in view of business conditions generally in the Colony and the fact that there were fewer visitors to the Port.

Because of the falling off in revenue I have mentioned and because of the probability that this diminution will be continued over this year at least, your Directors have decided, if you approve, to place \$50,000 to Equalisation of Dividend account.

Our pier leases, as I told you last year, expire in 1949.

Operating expenses were increased due to the acceleration of the service by extending the ten minute service to midnight and then every 15 minutes to 1 a.m. These additional expenses, however, were offset by a very favourable coal contract which kept running costs low.

You will notice in the Accounts that the cash at Bank is over eight lakhs. This is a large amount to be idle, but loans were made during the year which were refunded before December 31. Payment of the dividend and bonus now proposed will absorb \$440,000, and we have clients ready to take the balance on loan.

The Electric Star.
The Diesel Electric Ferry, which I told you at our last meeting was then being built, was handed over by the Builders in October and named the "Electric Star." This vessel is quite up to expectations. There is a certain amount of vibration due to the engines being rather more powerful than necessary for the size of the boat; otherwise she is running very satisfactorily. We now have a fleet of six modern vessels. One old ferry, the "Evening Star," which has seen good service but is past her useful life, is for disposal.

Proposed Amendment.

Mr. J. H. Seth said that before the resolution was put to the meeting there was one matter he would like to touch upon, that being the proposal to place \$50,000 to Equalisation of Dividends Account. Before making this allocation, the Directors might have noticed that there was already \$275,000 in the Reserve Fund and a similar amount in the General Contingency Account. He thought that those two sum were adequate and the \$50,000 added to them would make the total Reserves six lakhs, which was certainly in excess of normal requirements.

Mr. Seth also suggested that the Company should in keeping with other Public Utility Companies try and pay an interim dividend each year in about June or July. He proposed then the following amendment to the resolution:

That the Balance Sheet at December 31, 1933, and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31, 1933 as presented, be adopted, and that a dividend of Two Dollars and bonus of \$3.50 per share be paid to all shareholders on the Register on January 31, 1934; and that the sum of \$38,537.84 be carried forward to the 1934 Profit and Loss Account.

Mr. J. F. Grose seconded the amendment.

The Chairman said that so far as the interim dividend was concerned, he could see no very valid reason for it, nor could he see any strong reason against it. That was a matter which was to be considered by the Directors. It made a little more work for the Company, but he had no feeling either way.

Not Doing As Well As Formerly.

With regard to the amendment proposed by Mr. Seth, the Chairman said that perhaps he did not make it very clear in his speech but actually the Company was not doing as well as it had been. Taking it by and large, public utility Companies were feeling the draught, and it was in the Directors' mind to keep the dividend on a level keel as far as possible. The application of the money to the Equalisation of Dividend Fund was to ensure this.

He felt sure they all realised that the management could never see eye-to-eye on an occasion like this with shareholders, who, not unnaturally, wanted all the money they could get, while on the other side the Directors would like the money to keep things on the same level if possible.

Mr. Simmons said that he thought the amendment of Mr. Seth was not very material.

Mr. Seth said he could not see the object of putting \$50,000 to Equalisation of Dividend Fund when the dividend was only \$2 per share. "There will have to be a very, very large drop in the earnings of the Company before you will have to draw on it. Once it gets into this Account, it will never come out," he said.

Continuing, he said that the money was not likely to be cut again unless there was a new issue of capital. The Chairman assured Mr. Seth that the Directors' intention was not to put the money into the Equalisation of Dividend Account and to leave it there for ever. On the other hand, he thought it would be a mistake to put dividends up without apparent, or with only slight, justification.

The amendment was put to the meeting and defeated.

The Chairman: Thank you Mr. Seth for making the meeting rather more intelligent and amusing than usual.

Proposed by Mr. Frank Austin

and seconded by Mr. Cassidy, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson was re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., was re-elected Auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$750, on the proposal of Mr. Dandy seconded by Mr. Thomas.

INDIAN CONSTABLE ASSAULTED.

Jockey Club Coolie Cautioned.

UNSATISFACTORY CASE

A Jockey Club coolie, Lo Sum, was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning with assaulting an Indian constable, Hesar Singh, at Leighton Hall Road at 2.30 this morning.

It was stated that he struck the constable over the left eye with a grass-hopper cage which he was carrying, when the constable attempted to search him.

The defendant alleged that the constable suddenly embraced him and patted his face. He resisted and accidentally struck him with the cage.

The Magistrate convicted the defendant but merely cautioned him, adding that he was not satisfied about the matter.

The defendant claimed that he mentioned the constable's actions at the police station, but this was denied by Inspector McCallan.

BRITISH TRADE WITH SOVIET

Agreement May Be Signed Soon.

SHORT FOOD SUPPLIES AT MOSCOW EMBASSY

London, To-day

The drafting of the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement, which has been the subject of negotiation for some time past, is now proceeding, and it is expected that the signing of the agreement will take place in London shortly.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons, yesterday afternoon, stated that the conclusion of the agreement was not being delayed by the question of food supplies to the British Embassy in Moscow.

He added: "In as much as the Soviet Government seek to secure, in their trade agreements with other countries, diplomatic privileges, and in view of the fact that certain restrictions have been imposed on the purchase and importation of supplies by His Majesty's representatives in the Soviet Union, the British Government has requested the Soviet Government to give an assurance that the necessary supplies would continue to be available at reasonable prices, and that such supplies as they found it necessary to import would not be subject to import duties."

"The Soviet Government having declined to give such assurance, which is necessary for satisfactory relations, that proper treatment should be accorded to His Majesty's representatives, the Government have made their position clear to the Soviet Government in a formal note."—British Wireless Service.

STOCK EXCHANGE CONTROL

Mr. Roosevelt Favours Legislation.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.

Mr. Ferdinand Pecora, the attorney who acted for the Senate inquiry committee during the recent investigations of private banks in America, declares that he has proposed stock market regulation legislation to place Stock Exchanges under the control of a Federal Trade Commission and to prohibit pool operations.

The White House has emphasised that President Roosevelt favours stock market legislation at the present session of Congress.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

BILL PREPARED

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.

At a surplus White House conference, President Roosevelt and the Democratic legislative leaders agreed on drastic provisions for Federal supervision of stock markets, dealing with short-selling, marginal trading, specialists' pool operations and manipulations.

A Bill will be introduced to-morrow.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

NEURALIA DELAYED BY BAD WEATHER.

Expected On Sunday Or Monday.

H.M. Troopship Neuralia, which was due to arrive from Singapore to-morrow and sail for Shanghai in the evening, has been delayed by very heavy monsoon weather and is now expected to arrive in Hong Kong either on Sunday evening or early on Monday morning.

WEATHER REPORT

Fine, with moderate to fresh north-easterly winds, is the forecast issued by the Royal Observatory to-day.

To-day's Short Story.

THE PRISON OF COOCH PARWANEE

By Eric Linklater.

ABOUT the middle of last century, Thomas Motley—a great-uncle of the better-known Juan Motley—was appointed, from the East India Company, Government Agent in the principality of Cooch Parwanee. When he arrived, after a difficult journey from Bombay, he found existing in the capital city a state of affairs that was probably without precedent even in the chequered history of India. The royal gardens were invaded by sullen, turbulently proliferating jungle-growth; occasionally a wild boar might be observed in the streets; and in the Raja's palace, bats flitted undisturbed.

But these circumstances, though signs of grave disturbance, were not really surprising to a man with some experience of native states. That which truly astonished Thomas Motley was the behaviour of the prince, the Raja Bhim.

When, with his escort, the new Government Agent reached the city, he was not received with the welcome he had naturally expected, but was left to ride through deserted thoroughfares and ponder the significance of so much evidence of neglect. Presently, guided by recurrent noise, he came to the outskirts of a large crowd gathered about the walls of a superb and spacious building, which he was told was the prison. Forcing his way through the mob, many of whom were weeping, he discovered that the object of their regard was a young man who beat frantically with bleeding knuckles at the prison gates. "Let me in!" he cried. "Let me in!"

A semicircle of respectful space had been left about this so strangely importunate candidate for admission to a gaol, and Thomas Motley could plainly see that his clothes were the silken raiment of a prince, and his features, though distorted by grief, had the distinguishing cast of royalty.

BRITISH SHIPPING BADLY HIT

But Recent, Steady Improvement.

THREAT OF RETALIATION

London, To-day.

After a brief debate the House of Lords yesterday agreed to a resolution calling for the immediate and most serious attention of the Government to the question of maintaining the well-being of British shipping.

Replying on the debate, Earl Stanhope, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, agreed that British shipping had been heavily hit by the world economic situation, but had shown a steady improvement during the last year or two.

Although, he said, there were 2,000,000 tons of British shipping idle, the proportion of idle British shipping was less than that of any of the great maritime powers except Japan.

He proceeded, "For one hundred years foreign ships have had a free right to enter our ports, and the only thing we can do is to take action and press for equal facilities from foreign countries for our shipping."

"We cannot continue to give foreign countries facilities which they deny to us and we may have to retaliate. We have got something to sell; we have got markets, and if foreign countries wish to trade in our markets they must give us an equal chance to trade in theirs."

"If they sell to us they must take our exports, and if they don't take our merchandise they must take our services."

The Government, he stated, was giving the utmost attention in its power to the problem and the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, hoped to produce something that would help British shipping.—British Wireless Service.

"Who is that?" he asked the commander of his escort, a Punjabi Mussulman with much experience of war and other matters.

"That, Sahib, is the Raja Bhim." The soldier spoke with the imperiousness of his kind.

As they watched and waited, the sound of singing, accompanied by several instruments, came from within the walls, and as if roused to a frenzy, the Raja beat again on the gates, leaving on them smears of blood from his wounded hands, and cried in a high despairing voice, "Let me in, ah, let me in!" Then he sank to the ground and a small cloud of dust rose and slowly settled on the bright silk of his coat.

Sounds of deep compassion rose from the crowd. "All Ali!" they murmured, and shrank a little back from the spectacle of grief.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Death of a Hostess," by Inez Holden.

"Now, what the devil does all this mean?" said Thomas Motley, and the Punjabi captain, shrugging his shoulders, replied, "His father, too, was an eccentric; and the acrobat's son is always turning somersaults."

"What shall we do about it?" asked the new Government Agent.

"When a man's beard is on fire he must put it out himself," answered the soldier. But the Government Agent, owning as well as an ardent sense of responsibility a lively curiosity, was unwilling to accept so shallow and so callous a solution; and summoning from the crowd some two or three of its elder and wiser-seeming members, he led them to the camp which his people had set up and asked them to reveal the succession of events which was responsible for the strange behaviour of their prince.

They required little persuasion, and told their story in a very straightforward way.

Raja Bhim, they declared, had some years previously appointed as his Diwan, or Prime Minister, a man called Motilal, a clever statesman who ruled the country well, but who often displeased the Raja by the levity with which he referred to important matters and treated important people. Motilal, they said, would repeal a law to make a jest.

And one day he had been standing, idly conversing with the Raja's Architect and the Raja's Landscape Gardener, in the shade of a banyan tree that grew near to a bridge. On the bridge a lively argument was proceeding between a large, strongly-built peasant and a Banla, a notorious moneylender who had many of the country people in his power. The argument grew to a quarrel, and suddenly the peasant seized the Banla round his fat waist, swung him over the parapet, and dropped him into the river. The moneylender's shrill cry was drowned in the sullen splash of his violent immersion.

With exclamations of some concern a dozen fortuitous spectators of the incident rose from their heels—where they had been comfortably sitting—and moved towards the river to render assistance. But they were stopped by Motilal, who shouted to them in a loud voice.

"Wait a moment!" he said. "Perhaps the Banla has business in the river. Did you ever hear of a Banla who went on a journey except for profit? He may have clients downstream. Let him sink or swim, for a Banla never went anywhere for nothing."

And Motilal laughed loudly, as did the Raja's Architect, and the Raja's Landscape Gardener. So the spectators of lesser rank, none of whom had cause to love the moneylender, took no steps to rescue him, but laughed instead, and with great good humour watched him drown.

When Raja Bhim heard of this prank he grew very angry, because he was a humane man, and because he knew that Motilal was himself a member of the Banla caste, though the Diwan naturally endeavoured to conceal this fact. So he spoke bitterly to his Prime Minister, and (Continued on Page 18).

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CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIRS

Larger Firms Taking Part This Year.

ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS BROKEN AT WANCHAI

The annual Chinese New Year market fairs at Wanchai, Yaumati and Shumshupo were opened to the public yesterday. A total of 400 stalls, a record for these fairs, which have been neatly laid out by the police on the Wanchai reclamation, have been taken over by store-keepers and general vendors.

The markets on the mainland, totalling 200, are situated in Waterloo Road, Yaumati, extending from the junction of Nathan Road to the waterfront, while the stalls in Shumshupo extend along Nam Cheong Street from Apliu Street to the waterfront.

The Canton curio dealers and flower vendors, who make an annual trip to the Colony with large stocks of wares, are expected to arrive in a few days time, and if the present good weather is maintained the dealers feel confident of a very satisfactory turn-over.

In previous years the Chinese fair in Hong Kong was concentrated in the narrow lanes of Queen's Road West, near the Central Theatre, but, owing to the danger of fire in this congested area, it was decided to move the fair to Wanchai.

The fairs will be open daily until midnight on Chinese New Year's eve, February 13. This year some of the larger firms are taking part. Messrs. On Lok Yuen, the bakery, and confectionary firms have acquired six lots and built a large stall, while the Chinese department of Messrs. Gilman and Company will also exhibit varieties of chocolates, etc.

The annual fairs, always attract a large number of both Chinese and foreigners, who tour the stalls and make purchases

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The forthcoming marriage between Reginald Gwynne Ward of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Taisan, and Elfrida Maria Xavier of 334, Hennessey Road, Hong Kong, is announced.

Chung Ping, a Chinese hawk, was fined \$20 by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy, this morning, for being in possession of 18 po pu lottery tickets on board the s.s. Sui On, yesterday.

Appearing on charges of attempted theft and assaulting a Chinese, Chan Chung, on board the ferry launch Man Wai, Ng Chuk-nam, a cobbler, was discharged this morning by Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy owing to insufficient evidence.

A Chinese youth, Yu Yuen, sustained a broken right leg when he was knocked down in Queen's Road Central yesterday by a Chinese push-cyclist who failed to stop after the occurrence. The boy was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Dr. Kenneth Mackenzie, who spent his Christmas holidays travelling in Yunnan, last night lectured at the Hong Kong University on "A Glimpse of Yunnanfu," his interesting talk being illustrated with moving pictures taken by himself during the journey.

The annual speech day of the Ying Wa Girls' School was held yesterday at the Hop Yat Church, last evening, the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling presiding. The annual report was presented by the Headmistress, Miss D. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Tso, wife of the Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso presented the certificate to the successful pupils.

From the large assortment of goods, which includes curios, crockery, glassware, haberdashery, toys, flowers, fruit and fancy fish.



FOOD AND HOME ECONOMICS



Chicken And Oyster Pie

Easily Prepared Dish.

Here is a dish that can be put together in a jiffy from cans that usually are to be found on the pantry shelf:

Chicken And Oyster Pie
Make a sauce of 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons flour, oyster liquor (all) and 1 1/4 cups thin cream or top milk. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add one 5-ounce can oysters, one 6-ounce can chicken and 1/2 cup cooked diced celery pour into individual ramekins. Cut rounds of toast large enough to cover tops and place one on top of each and sprinkle with grated cheese. Place under broiler flame until cheese is melted and bubbly. Serves four.

TASTY DOUGHNUTS

POPULAR

Dish For Breakfast Or Tiffin.

Doughnuts are an ideal sweet to take along when picnics are to be enjoyed. Everybody likes doughnuts children and grownups, so try this recipe for one of your week-ends.

1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons oil
1/2 cup milk (approximate)
2 eggs
3 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup sugar
3 teaspoons baking powder
Sift flour, salt, baking powder and spices together. Beat eggs well, add milk, sugar and oil. Stir into dry ingredients. Roll floured board. Cut with cutter and fry in deep hot oil. The fat is hot enough if it browns a bread crumb in 60 seconds or 450 degrees.

CURRIED LAMB IS FAVOURITE.

Peppery Quality Of Curry Makes Popular Dish.

The peppery quality of curry makes it a general favourite with those who like spicy dishes, and Curried lamb is one of the most popular of these recipes.

Dinner Serving Four
Curried Lamb Buttered Celery
Bread Peach Jam
Lettuce Salad
Deep Dish Apple Pie Cream
Coffee
(Milk for the Children)

Curried Lamb
3 tablespoons butter.
2 tablespoons chopped onions.
2 tablespoons chopped celery.
3 tablespoons flour.
1 1/2 cups lamb stock.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
1/4 teaspoon paprika.
1/2 teaspoon curry powder.
1 1/2 cups diced cooked lamb.
1 cup cooked peas.
2 cups boiled rice.
Melt butter in frying pan, add and brown the onions and celery. Add flour, and when well blended add lamb stock and cook until mixture thickens, add seasonings and cooked lamb. Cook slowly 2 minutes. Surround the boiled rice with a ring of peas. Serve at once.

Left-Over Ham Makes Sandwich Filling.

Leftover boiled ham can be run through a meat grinder and used as sandwich filling.

To one cup of minced ham add 1/2 teaspoon mixed mustard, few drops of tabasco sauce, 1 teaspoon sugar, salt and pepper to taste and enough chili sauce to blend the mixture into a smooth paste.

Use this spread on thin slices of buttered bread or toast.

Use crushed fresh mint leaves when flavouring beverages.

Baked Beans And Brown Bread From Old New England

Some of the dishes of old New England have been handed down from generation to generation. They are particularly adapted for use when hearty fare is wanted. Boston baked beans at Saturday's supper and codfish cakes on Sunday mornings is the old-fashioned rule still observed by many New England housewives.

Boston Baked Beans
Two cups pea beans, 1-3 pound salt pork, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 tablespoon molasses, 1 tablespoon brown sugar 1-2 teaspoon powered mustard, 1-4 teaspoon pepper, 1 small onion, 1 cup boiling water.

Pick over and wash beans. Cover with cold water and let stand over night. In the morning drain and cover with fresh water. Bring slowly to the boiling point. When water begins to boil drain and rinse beans in cold water. This prevents them from becoming broken and mushy during baking. In the bean pot put a thin slice of the salt pork and place the onion, peeled but not cut on the pork. Add half the beans. Cut through rind of remaining pork every half inch, making cuts one inch deep and put on top of beans.

A Delightful Cold Meat Dish.

A variety of cold cuts, such as sliced ham, roast lamb, sliced liverwurst and meat loaf arranged on a platter and garnished with parsley makes an excellent dish. Stuffed tomato salads can be served with the meats.

BOILING ECONOMY

As a general rule, keep the lid on a saucepan when boiling (unless stirring), to economize heat, and avoid unnecessary steam. The exception is in cooking green vegetables.

SALT WITH COFFEE

To make good coffee, use a good blend unroasting, heating the dry coffee first, with a pinch of salt added, and making it in an earthenware vessel.

Add remaining beans, leaving the rind of the pork exposed. Mix salt, mustard, pepper, molasses and sugar with boiling water and pour over beans. Add enough more boiling water to cover bean pot and bake in a slow oven for six hours, removing the cover for the last hour of baking to allow the rind to become brown and crisp. Serve from bean pot.

Boston Brown Bread always is steamed rather than baked. Raisins may be added to suit the modern taste, but the original "Boston Brown" was made without them.

Menus For Bridge Parties

Beef bouillon, wafers; seafood ring with green vegetable salad; hot spoon bread; damson jam; cranberry mousse; little cakes; coffee.

Broiled lamb chops; broiled tomatoes; broiled alicia pineapple; scalloped potatoes; icebox rolls; currant jelly; olives, celery; almond torte; coffee.

Individual casserole of chicken; rice potatoes; creamed peas; small new beets with cheese dressing; beaten biscuits; butter patties; puffs; Turkish coffee.

Parsley omelette; asparagus with melted butter and grated Parmesan cheese; huckleberry muffins; chocolate coffee, ice cream; coffee.

Pigs in blankets; pear salad with cheese balls; gingerbread waffles; cocoa.

Chopped green vegetable sandwiches; nut bread sandwiches orange ice (garnished with crushed straw-berries); sponge cake; tea; yellow bonbons; salted nuts.

UBIQUITOUS PAPER TOWELS

Paper towels in the kitchen have long since ceased to be regarded as luxury items. Besides being handy for "sinkside" ablutions, paper towels serve a score of purposes notably in connection with wiping up grease.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Fish Custard
Baked Stuffed Eggs au Gratin
Tomato Steak
Rice Snowballs
Custard Sauce

DINNER

Haricot Bean Soup
Casserole of Smoked Salmon
Mock Veal Cutlets
Chinese Sticks
Potato Straws
Flaked Rice Blancmange
Stewed Apricots
Flak Custard

1/2 Sole; 1 oz. margarine; 1/2 tablespoon flour; 1 teaspoon milk; 1 egg; salt and pepper to taste. Cut fish into thin slices. Make a sauce of the margarine, flour and milk. Cook fish in this for 10 minutes. Beat in yolk of egg and seasoning. Stir in white (whipped to stiff froth). Pour into greased basin, cover with greased paper. Steam from 40 to 60 minutes. Serve with white and parsley sauce or bake in pie-dish 30 to 40 minutes.

Tomato Steak
1/2 lb. Tomatoes; 2 beaten eggs; 6 slices brown bread; 1 oz. margarine; fat for frying; pepper and salt to taste. Peel and cut the tomatoes and put them in saucepan with melted margarine. Cook 15 minutes. Then stir in the eggs and seasoning, heating all the time till set. Spk small slices of brown bread in milk. Fry in butter. Turn the tomatoes on to these slices when fried. Serve quickly.

Haricot Bean Soup

1/2 lb. Haricot beans; 1/2 lb. tomatoes (skinned and chopped); 1/2 lb. potatoes; 1 onion; 1 oz. margarine; 1 tablespoon flour; 2 1/2 pints stock; salt and pepper to taste. Wash and soak haricots overnight. Strain and add the beans and cut up the vegetables to the boiling stock. Cook slowly until beans are tender and pass all through a sieve. Melt margarine, stir in flour, add above mixture, seasoning and serve.

Mock Veal Cutlets

2 Teacups brown bread crumbs; 1 teacup chopped peanuts; 1 small onion (grated); 1 oz. margarine; 1 teaspoon macer; 1/2 lb. potatoes (boiled and mashed); 1 teacup milk; 1 egg; salt and pepper. Melt margarine. Stir in the potatoes. Add milk. Mix in other ingredients. Beat well and turn out on to dish to cool. Roll into cutlet shape. Dip in breadcrumbs. Fry in deep fat 10 to 15 minutes. Serve with tomato or bread sauce.

Flaked Rice Blancmange

1 1/2 Pints milk; 8 1/2 cups flaked rice; 2 tablespoons sugar; 1 oz. butter; vanilla flavouring. Put the flaked rice and milk into a saucepan and bring to the boil, keeping it well stirred. Let it cook gently until the mixture is quite stiff and the rice cooked. Add the butter and sugar and stir until dissolved, then flavour with vanilla. Turn into a wet mould and leave till set. Turn out when ready and serve with stewed fruit.

Small Cakes Find Favour With Hostess

1-2-3 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 teaspoons combination baking powder
1-3 cup butter or other shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon lemon or vanilla extract

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, then flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Add flavouring. Pour into greased cup cake pans, filling them two-thirds full. Bake in moderate oven (375 degrees) 20 minutes, or until done. Makes two dozen cup cakes.

When Opening Tinned Asparagus.

When preparing canned asparagus for serving, open bottom instead of the top, so that the tips may be removed whole.

Food Values Of Milk.

So far as the food value of milk is concerned, says the United States Bureau of Home Economics, it is practically the same whether you use fresh milk, evaporated, dried whole milk powder or an equivalent of dried skim milk and butter.

Sandwich Loaf.

Remove crust from loaf of sandwich bread and slice lengthwise into four layers. Spread slices of bread with butter, then spread with desired fillings.

OMELETTE INGREDIENTS

Add one tablespoonful water, milk, or cream to each three eggs used for making French Omelette, to ensure smoothness and creamy consistency.

TO STIFFEN OMELETTE

If a pinch of powdered sugar and a pinch of cornstarch are added to egg yolks when making an omelette, it will not fall.

How To Use Surplus Boiled Rice.

Leftover boiled rice can be seasoned, rolled in egg and crumbs, shaped into cakes and when browned in a little fat they make a tasty food to serve as a potato substitute.

FOR LEFTOVER TOAST

Leftover buttered toast can be dried in a slow oven and then rolled and the crumbs are already buttered and ready to use on escalloped mixtures.

COLD WEATHER FARE

Sensible cold weather fare includes more food-containing fat to maintain body warmth, as, for example, suet, butter, cream, olive oil, cocoa, pork, mackerel, and herrings.

REAL CORNISH PASTIES

Make Cornish pasties with raw meat, onion and potatoes to acquire good flavour and to produce the authentic article.

CASSEROLE COOKING HINT

To prevent the contents of a casserole baking too quickly, put a piece of oiled paper under the cover before putting the casserole into the oven.

Hot Breads Go Well In Cold

Snappy Days Call For Baker's Products.

There's nothing like hot breads for cold weather. Recipes for a variety of delicious breads are given below.

Baking Powder Biscuits
2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
2 tablespoons fat.
1/2 cup milk.
Mix and sift dry ingredients. Rub in fat with tips of fingers or chop in with a knife. Add milk gradually to make a soft dough. Use a knife in mixing. Toss on a well-floured board. Pat and roll to one inch thickness. Cut with biscuit cutter dipped in flour. Place close together on an oiled pan and bake in a hot oven 10 to 15 minutes.

Dixie Beaten Biscuit
1 quart flour.
1 teaspoon salt.
2 tablespoons shortening.
Ice cold water or milk.
Sift flour and salt together, work in the shortening thoroughly and

TONGUE AND SPINACH SALAD IS DELICIOUS

Chop cooked spinach very fine and season with salt, lemon juice and a little melted butter. Pack firmly into moulds which are still buttered and fitted with a piece of buttered paper in the bottom of the mould.

This paper trick insures easy turning out of the mould. Put moulds into ice box to chill. When ready to serve unmould on slices of cold boiled tongue.

Drop a spoonful of prepared mayonnaise on each mould and garnish with match-like strips of tongue, eighth of hard cooked eggs and crisp heart leaves of lettuce.

Broiled Steak And Cheese.

Have the steak cut from one to two inches thick. Thoroughly preheat the broiler, then place the steak on the center of the broiler rack so that there is a distance of about three inches between the flame and the top of the steak.

When the steak is nicely browned on one side, turn and brown on the other. For a 2-inch steak allow 35 to 40 minutes in all to be medium done.

RAISIN SAUCE

One cup white sauce, 1-2 cup grated cheese, 1-2 cup seeded steamed raisins.
Add cheese to hot white sauce and when melted add raisins. Keep hot over hot water if not served at once.

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CUCUMBER SAUCE

Black Walnut Bread
2 cups graham flour.
2 cups white flour.
1 cup sugar.
4 teaspoons baking powder.
1 teaspoon salt.
2 eggs.
2 cups milk.
1 cup nuts.
1 cup chopped dates.
Mix ingredients, pour into two loaf pans lined with wax papers. Let stand 15 minutes and bake one hour in slow oven.

Beat 1/2 cup heavy cream until stiff. Add 1/4 teaspoon salt, a few grains pepper, and gradually two tablespoons vinegar. Then add one cucumber, pared, chopped and drained.

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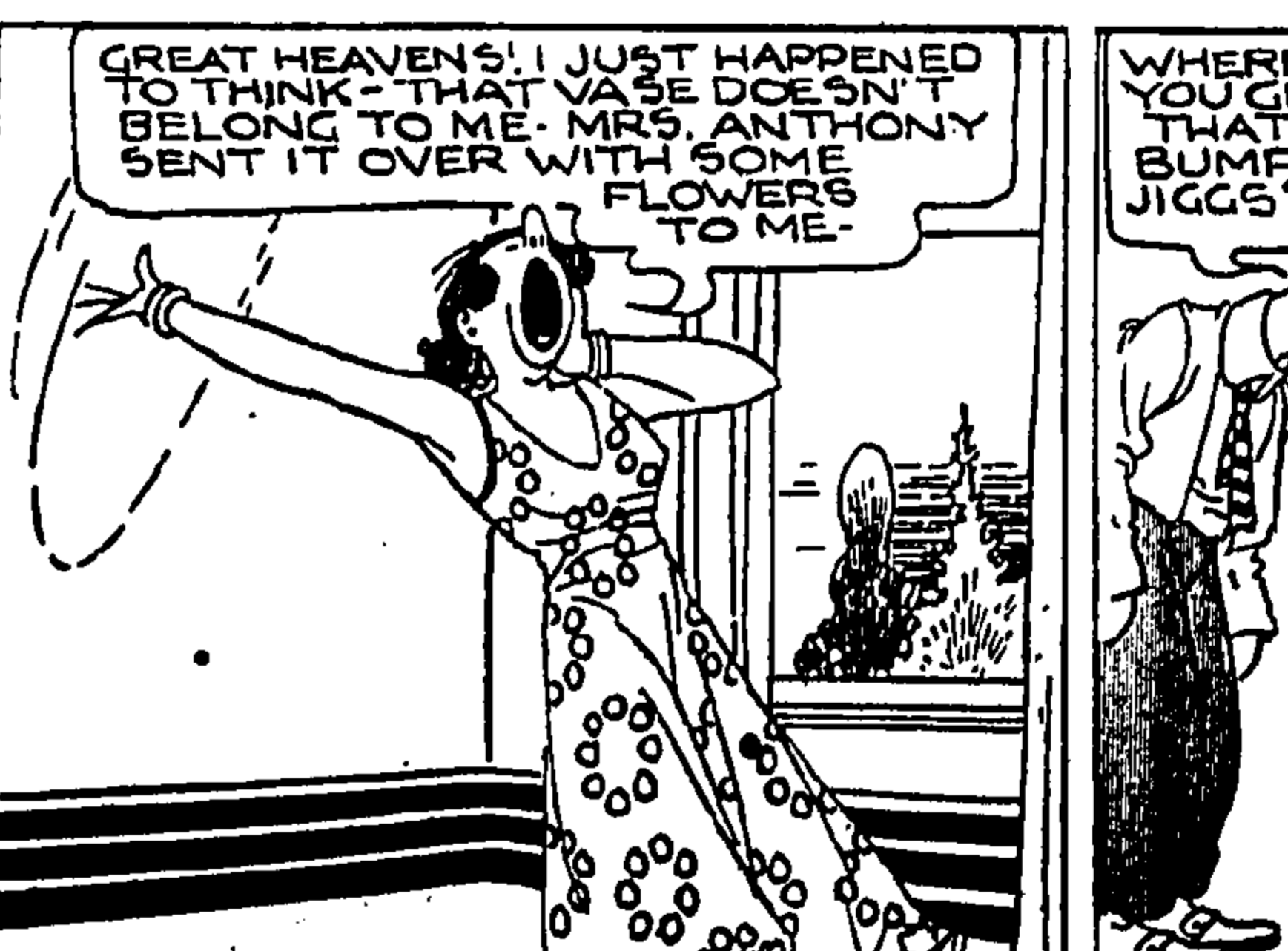
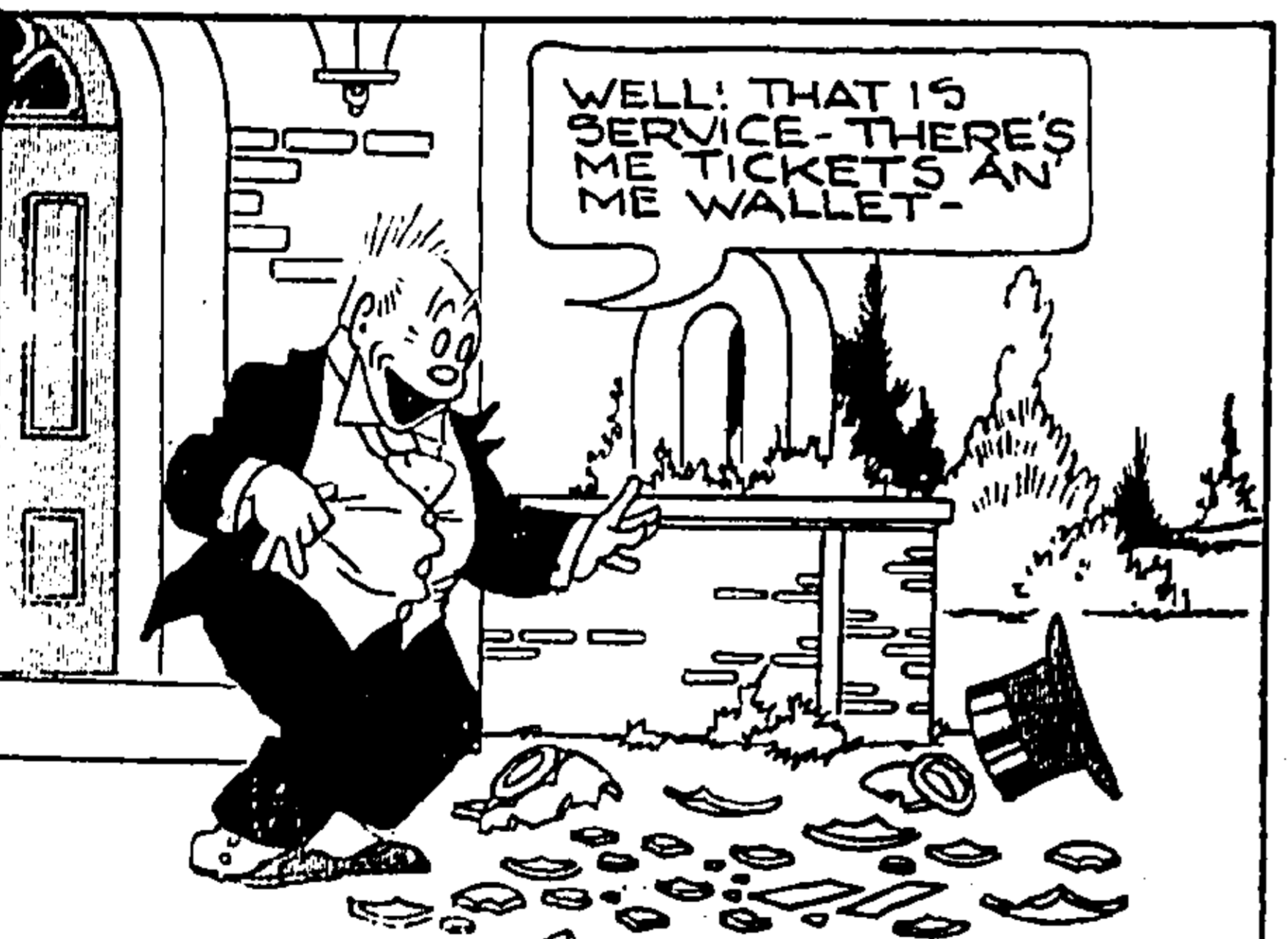
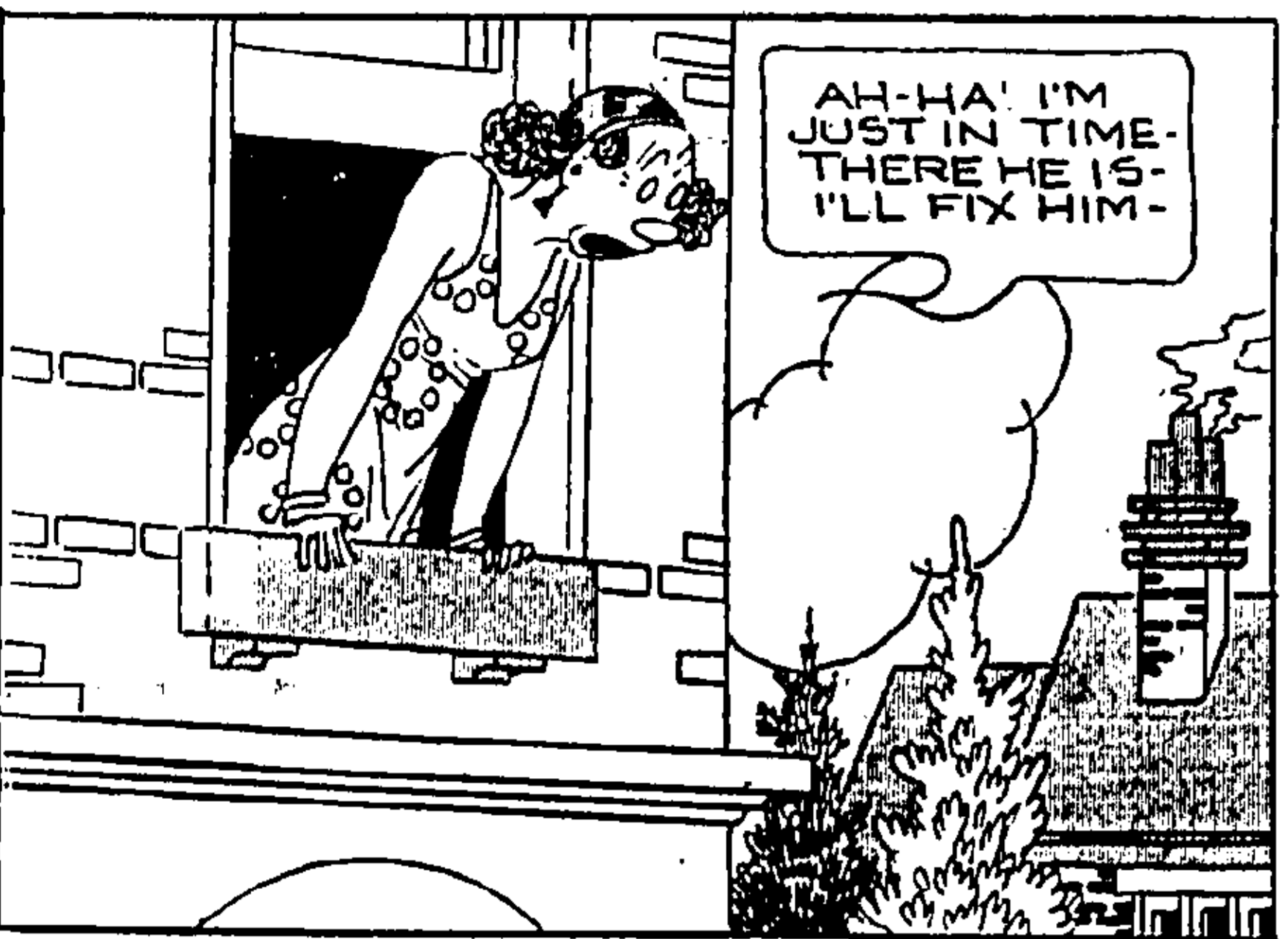
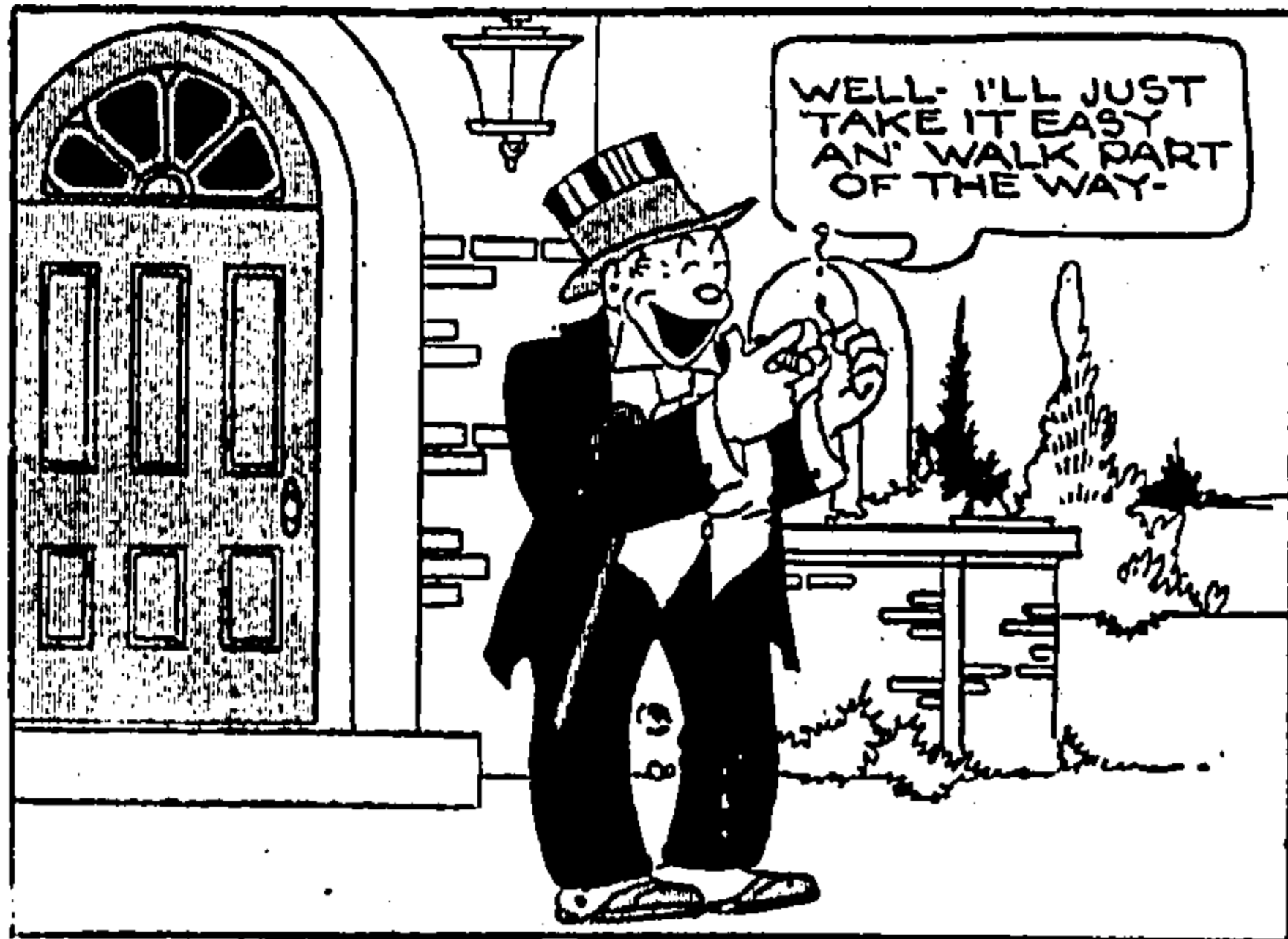
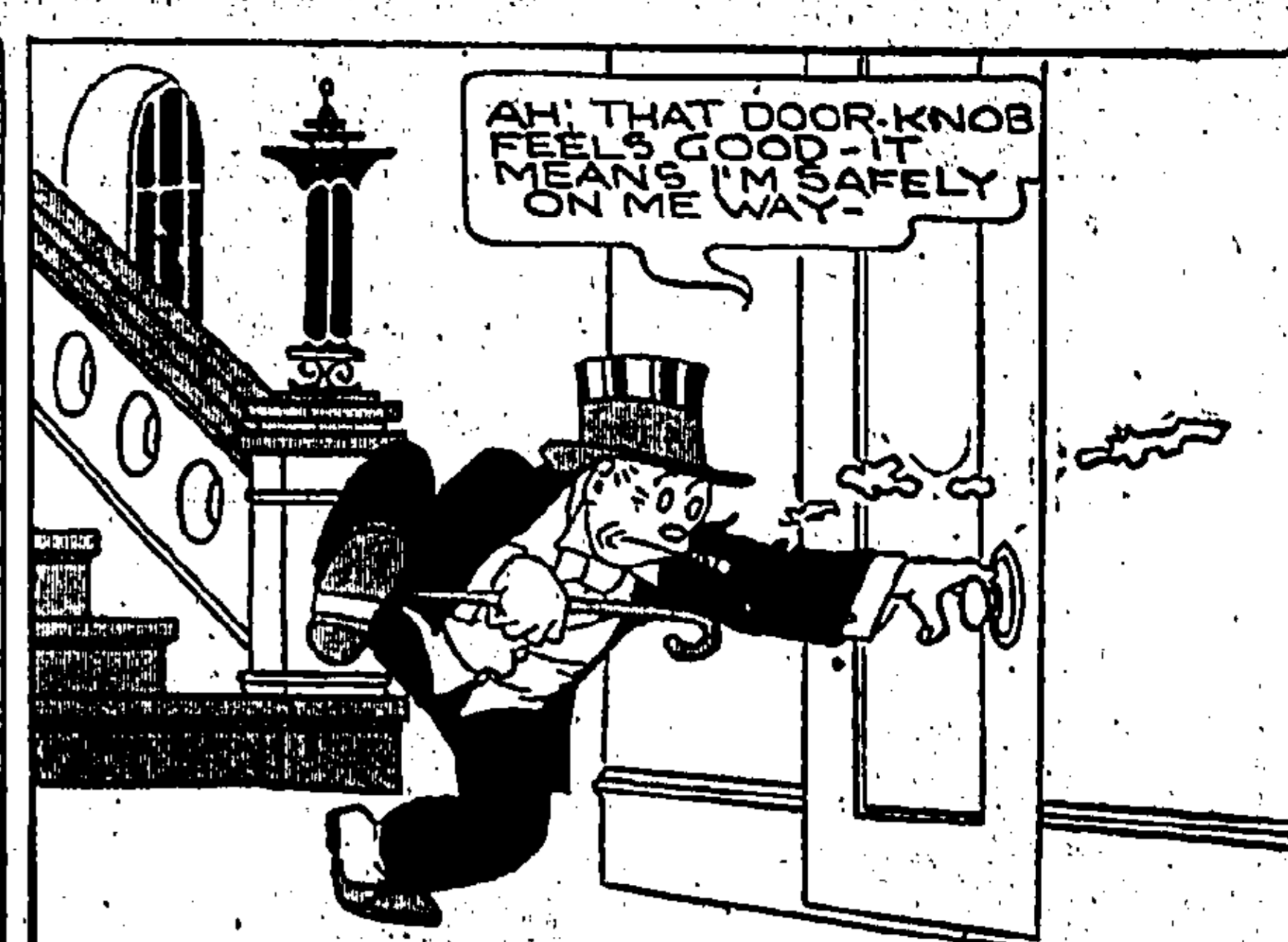
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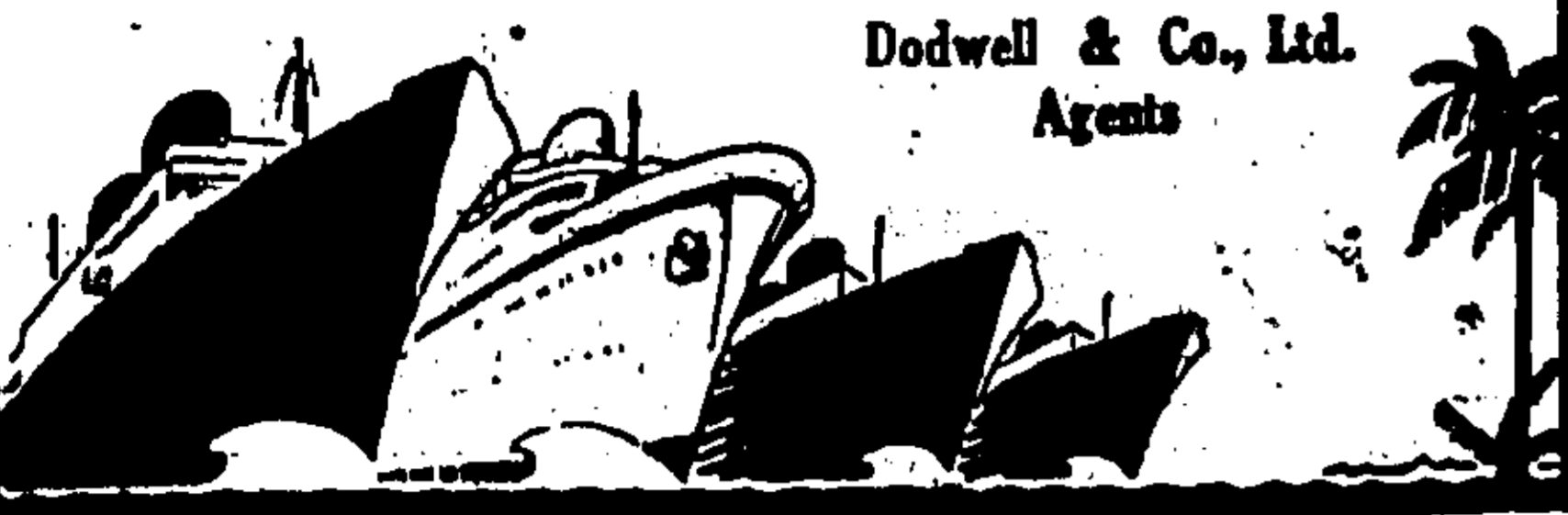
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The Prison Of Cooch Parwanee

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said, "Now I know the truth of the proverb that a Bania for a neighbour is like a boil in the armpit. But a brave man may squeeze a boil, and a kind get rid of his Prime Minister. You are no longer my Diwan. Instead I appoint you gaoler of the town gaol, where you will consort with criminals of your own kind. And for two new prisoners I give you my Architect and my Landscape Gardener, who abetted you in letting the moneylender drown."

"So be it," said Motilal cheerfully, "but if I am a Bania as well as a gaoler—remember that a Bania never goes anywhere for nothing."

Now the prison of Cooch Parwanee was originally a very dirty and unpleasant place, and Motilal, the Raja's Architect, and the Raja's Landscape Gardener, looked at it with great disfavour. But Motilal was a resourceful man, and calling one of the constables of the gaol, he ordered that prisoners who had any experience of mason-work, carpentry, and gardening should be sent to him immediately. And over these he put in command the Raja's Architect and the Raja's Landscape Gardener, telling them to reconstruct the prison in a more gracious and lordly style, to build terraces and plant flowers and trees, and arrange that fountains should play.

It soon appeared, however, that there were not among the prisoners sufficient gardeners or builders to execute the very ambitious plans which the Raja's Architect and the Raja's Landscape Gardener promptly drew. But Motilal was not perturbed. He called one of his most reliable constables, gave him money, and said to him, "Go into the bazaar, and wherever you find skilful masons, carpenters, and gardeners, buy for them liquor in large quantities. Then, when they are drunk, arrest them for creating a disturbance and bring them here."

In this way there was soon plenty of labour available, and in a little while the prison began to look more impressive and far more handsome than Raja Bhim's palace.

But in spite of pleasant surroundings, Motilal found his life dull. Even when a celebrated chess-player was arrested for obstructing traffic in the bazaar—where he stopped to work out a problem—Motilal's boredom continued, the chess-player being deaf and dumb, and seldom moving his pieces more than five times a day. But it had been stated already that Motilal was a resourceful man, and that is no more than the truth. Presently he caused to be arrested the Raja's favourite, Bhui, his bard and genealogist, that is, he was a man called Mohn, and him Motilal had arrested for perjury.

When Mohn was brought to the prison, he was told to sing the high descent of the Motilal's dynasty, and being a disreputable fellow, his very satisfactory singing Motilal's

cestry to a branch of the royal family of Mewar, Sesodia Rajputa who had established their direct descent in primogeniture from the sun. And when Mohn had sung for several days the divine roots of Mewar and Motilal's derivation therefrom, he was encouraged to reveal rather less exalted origins for the Raja's Architect and the Raja's Landscape Gardener.

All this created a very pleasant atmosphere in the prison for some time, but presently boredom reassured itself, and the Raja's Architect said, yawning: "I am tired of genealogies and would like something more robust for my amusement."

"Two famous wrestlers are wrestling at court to-day," said the Raja's Landscape Gardener.

"Could you not arrest them, Motilal, and let them wrestle here instead?" asked the Raja's Architect.

"They will probably incite each other to violence," said Motilal solemnly, and called one of his constables. "If the wrestlers use inflammatory gestures or otherwise seem likely to cause a breach of the peace," he said, "arrest them forthwith and bring them here."

In consequence of this some of the finest wrestling ever seen in Cooch Parwanee was witnessed, by a very small group of spectators, in the prison of Cooch Parwanee. And when the Raja came in person to complain about the wrestlers' incarceration, Motilal met him at the gate—he would let him come no further—and said that he had only done the duty for which he had been appointed.

"You have made yourself a very handsome abode," said Raja Bhim, peering through the gate.

"The cultivator must plough his furrow," answered Motilal.

"Let me come in to see those fountains of yours," said the Raja. Motilal gave him his titles of honour and replied: "Only wrongdoers and those appointed to guard them may enter here, and my Raja can do no wrong."

So the Raja, who respected his own laws, went away very dissatisfied, and Motilal set the wrestlers to another bout.

Now Motilal daily grew more ambitious, for his prison was by this time finer than the palace, and he dressed some of his prisoners in uniform of his own device, and lived in state. But the prisoners were not well conducted, and one day, feeling some pang of indignation, Motilal commanded that the Raja's cook should be charged with an attempt to poison the new Diwan. By this man, called Laloo, was arrested, and then Motilal and his friends grew fat for being well supplied.

And one evening, being well fed, Motilal cried: "Bring music! Let the Raja's poet recite his verses!"

But there were no musicians in the prison, and so Motilal and his friends grew fat for being well supplied.

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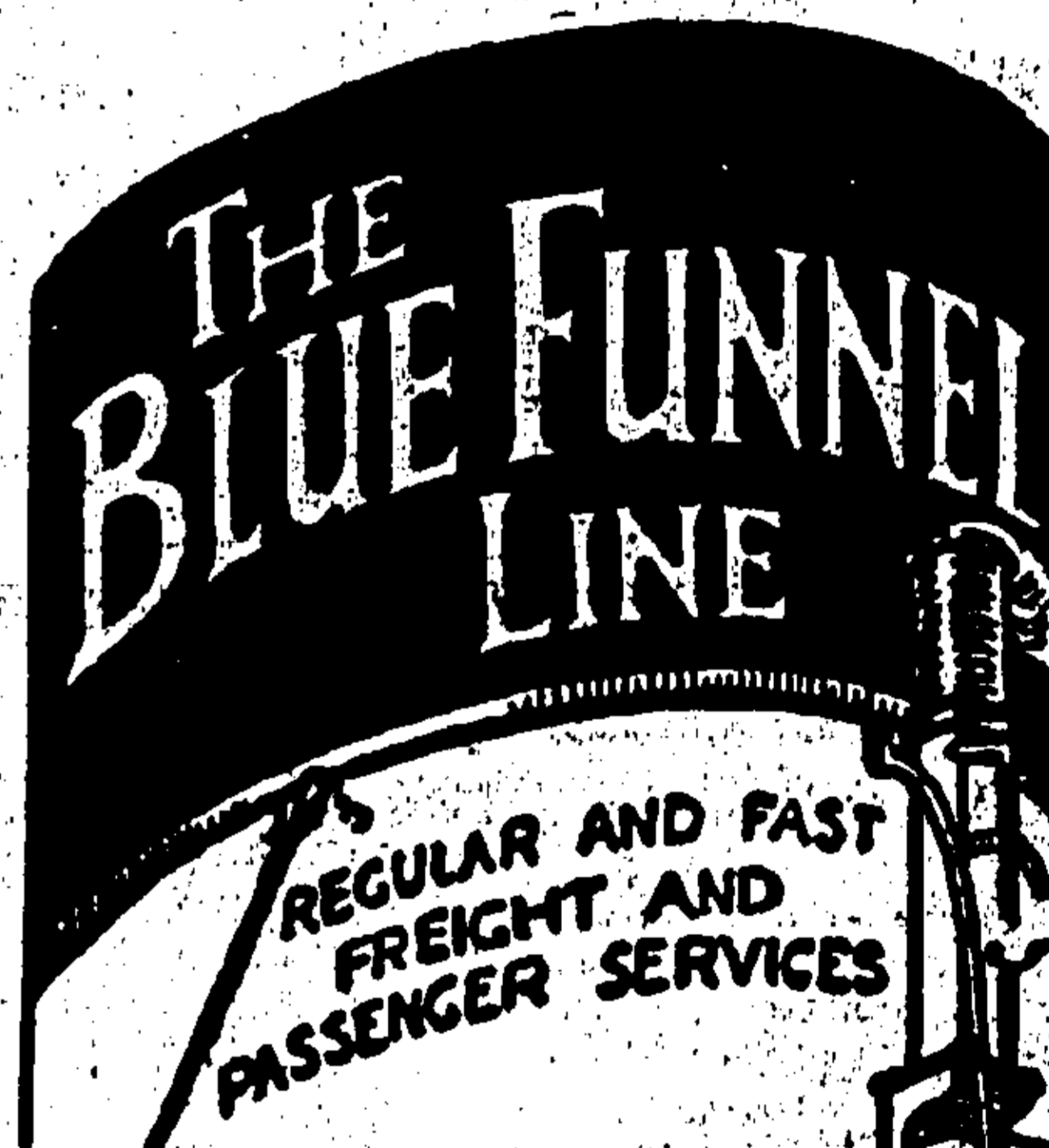
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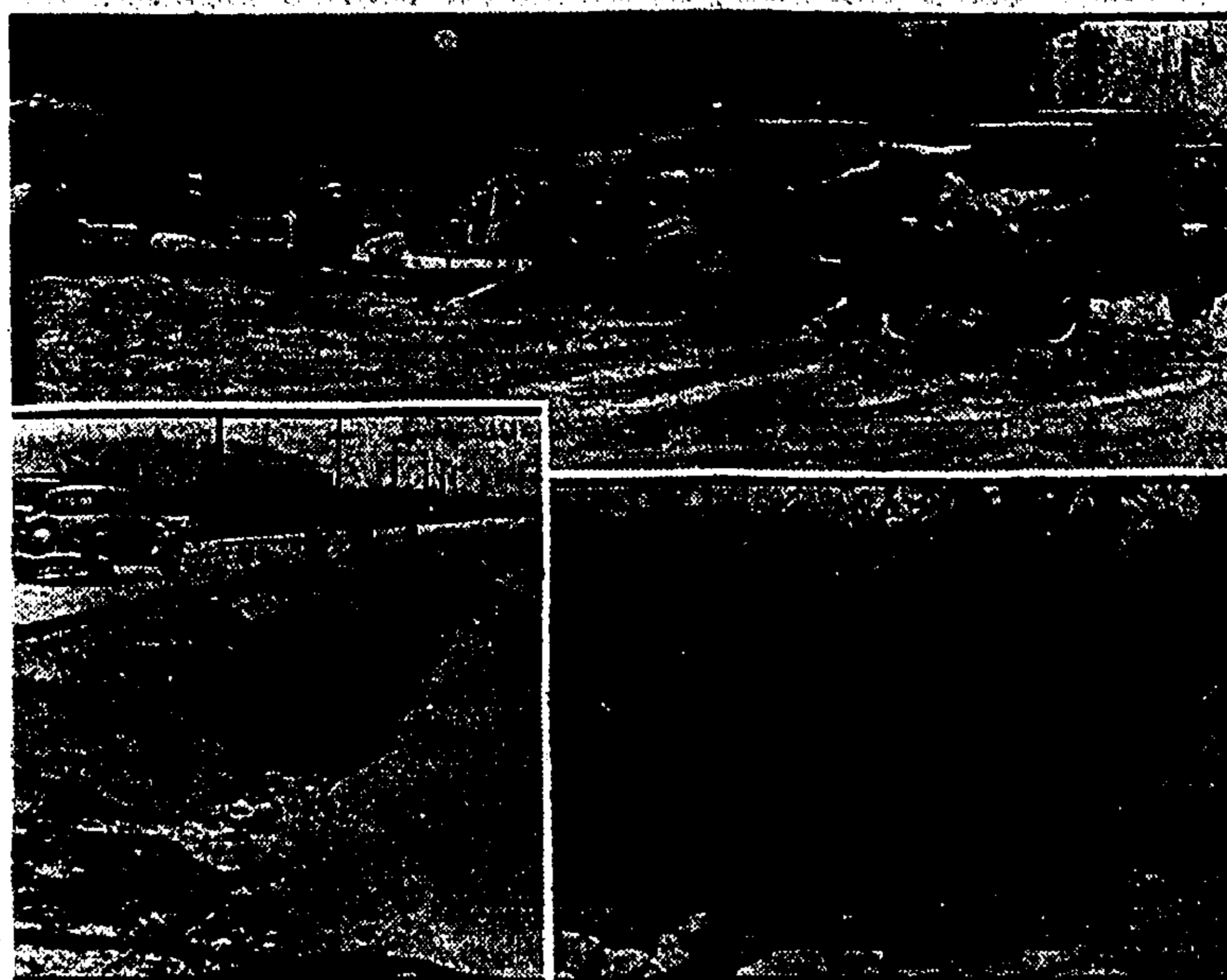
S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
1934.			
COMORIN	15,000	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	10,000	9th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	22nd Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	22nd Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	9th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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After California's Disastrous Rainstorm



These pictures attest to the severity of the rainstorm that deluged Southern California, taking a terrific toll in lives and property. Top, a street scene in Los Angeles, where canoes turned out to be the most suitable means of transportation. Left, a section of highway demolished by the downpour, and, right, an automobile which was one of the many washed away and almost completely buried, being dug out.

The Prison Of Cooch Parwanee

(Continued from Page 12)

Acting on his instructions, they arrested a family of musicians and a Persian poet named Abdul Qasr. The musicians were charged with playing in the evening certain ragas and raginis specially composed as morning songs; and though they protested that they were only practicing, and not in a true sense playing, their defence availed them nothing. While Abdul Qasr was more seriously accused of treason, as he had written a poem in praise of Cooch Parwanee containing six lines and a tribute to the excellence of Raja Bhim that had only four. "And is not Raja Bhim the father of his country?" asked Motilal severely, "and does he not therefore deserve the greater poem?"

So now poetry and music were added to the amenities of the prison, and the Raja came in great temper to complain that his court was being despoiled of its chief ornaments.

"You have taken my wrestlers and my most skilful chess-player," he said bitterly. "You have taken my Bhat and my cook, who is a genius; my finest musicians, and Abdul Qasr, the sweetest poet from Delhi to Indore. Whom else will you take, O Motilal, my thieving gaudier?"

"All who endanger the peace of your realm," said Motilal smoothly. "I do the duty to which you appointed me, and no more." And again he refused to let Raja Bhim into the prison, which was reserved for wrongdoers and his Raja, as he explained, could do no wrong.

And that night Motilal gave Abdul Qasr a rich gift and told him to recite his latest poem.

"That is a poem about Mira Bai," said Abdul Qasr.

"The Raja's new dancing girl?" asked Motilal.

"Yes," replied the poet.

"Let us hear it," said Motilal.

So Abdul Qasr recited his poem.

"My notes are both sweet and brilliant," chanted Abdul Qasr,

"but even they are insufficient to describe the miraculous beauty of Mira Bai. Her face is a water-lily veiled in the dew of tears, and her eyes are moons eclipsed. Her eyes are black moons, blacker and keener than the antelope's eyes, and her eyebrows are black bows bent to shoot love's arrows.

"So delicate is her waist that a belt of flowers would bruise it, and her bosom is a bank of lilies that love could sleep upon but lightly, ever waking for transports of new love. Oh, Mira Bai, grant me a draught of honey from the lotus of thy mouth, or, if inexorable death from the arrows of thine eyes!"

Abdul Qasr's voice rose higher, and passion more hotly inflamed his song. "Blood-red anemones are in her cheeks, and for both are the petals of the camomile," he sang. "Her neck is an antelope's back, and her bosom is like a fountain, her breasts are double pomegranates. Mira Bai, speak with the voice of music, and let thy sweet accents alk my Arabesque."

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SOVIET'S CHAIN OF WATCH TOWERS

Estonian Frontier
Precautions.

Helsingfors.

A chain of watch towers 30 feet high is being built by the Soviet authorities along the Estonian Frontier to prevent people illegally crossing from one country to the other.

Each tower is to be in direct telephonic communication with the nearest frontier guard.

Presumably, they are intended both to stop "refugees" fleeing the country and to check the flow of contraband goods into the U.S.S.R.

Meanwhile, the OGPU (Soviet secret police) are said to have unmasked a widespread smuggling organisation at Minsk, near the Russo-Polish frontier.

It is alleged that large quantities of cocaine, morphia and opium have been smuggled into the country during recent months. Many high Soviet officials are implicated.—Reuter.

ENGLISH POTATOES FOR SPAIN

Madrid.

The importation of "Royal Kidney" potato seed from England has been authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The seed will be cultivated on lands bordering the Mediterranean Coast, the resultant crops being intended for export.—Reuter.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS YESTERDAY.

Two Children Knocked
Down By Cars.

WOMAN HURT BY BUS IN
QUEEN'S ROAD

Fung Fun, a Chinese girl aged eight, was knocked down by private car No. 1385 in Queen's Road West near Water Street yesterday, when she suddenly ran out to cross the road. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Chan Yuet-sin, a six-year-old Chinese girl, was knocked down by motor car No. 3081 in Wanchai, near the market, and taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Wo King, a Chinese woman, received injuries to her face and hands when she was knocked down by a motor bus in Queen's Road West yesterday afternoon.

IN POSSESSION OF RADIATOR-CAP.

"Finder" Gaoled For
Three Months.

Chan Sam, an unemployed Chinese, who was remanded on a charge of unlawful possession of a radiator-cap in Hollywood Road, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

Detective Inspector Murphy said that the police were unable to trace the owner of the car, No. 569, the number given by accused when arrested.

AUSTRALIAN TROOP TRIBUTE

King's Congratulations
On Trophy Success.

LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT

Sydney, N. S. W.

The 1st. Cavalry Division has received a letter from the Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs), written on behalf of King George, congratulating the Kangaroo Valley Troop of the 1st-21st Light Horse Regiment (N. S. W. Lancers) on winning the Prince of Wales trophy.

The letter was as follows:—"I desire to inform you that his Majesty the King was pleased to hear that his challenge cup had been won this year by the Kangaroo Valley troop, and I am to ask that his Majesty's congratulations on their success be conveyed to the troop concerned."

When the King, then Prince of Wales, visited Australia for the inauguration of Federation, he interested himself in the Light Horse. Upon his return he presented an attractive silver trophy, which is known as the Prince of Wales trophy.—Reuter.

Accused, pleading guilty, said that he picked the cap up and was on his way to the station to hand it to the police when he was arrested.

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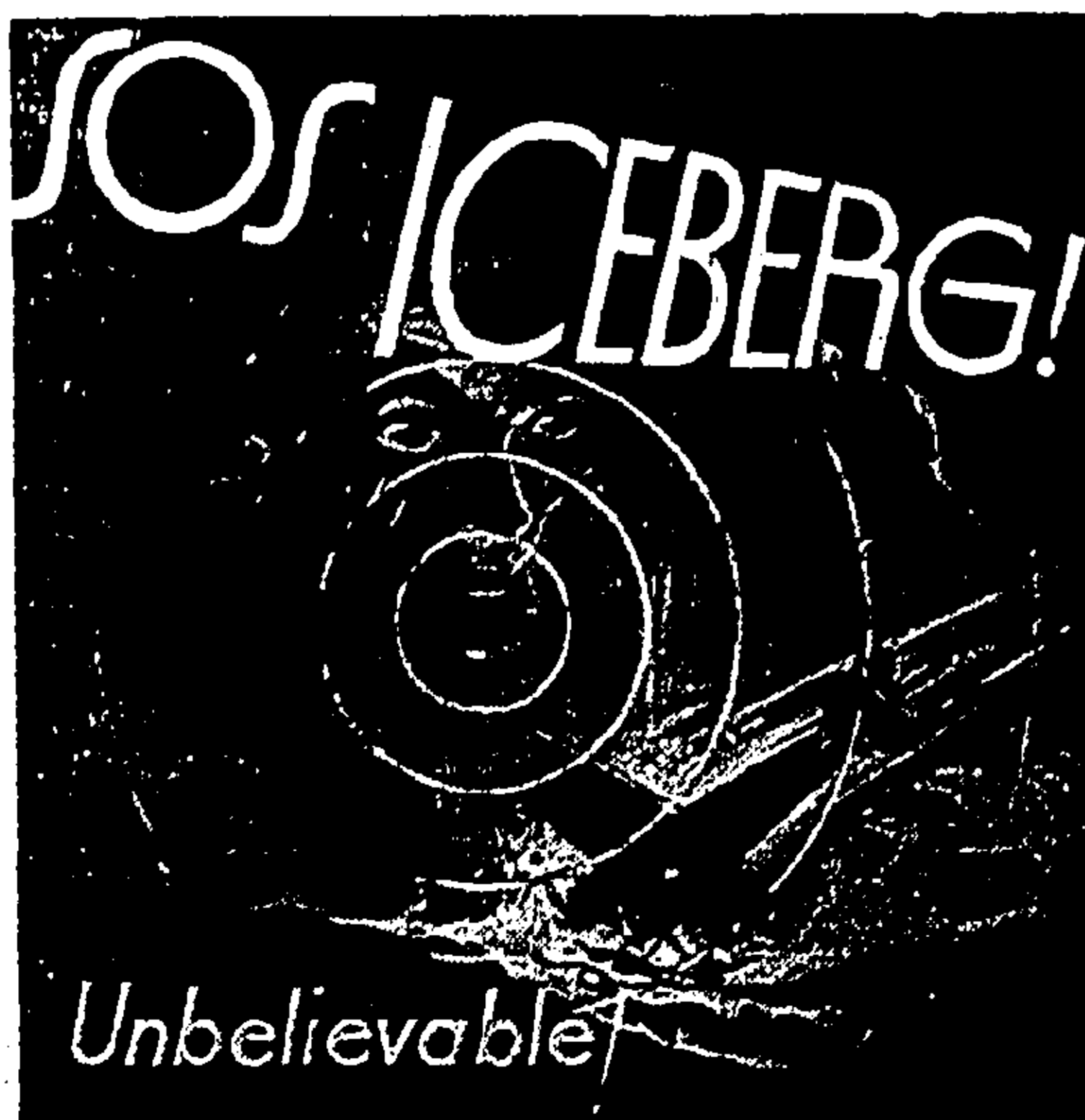
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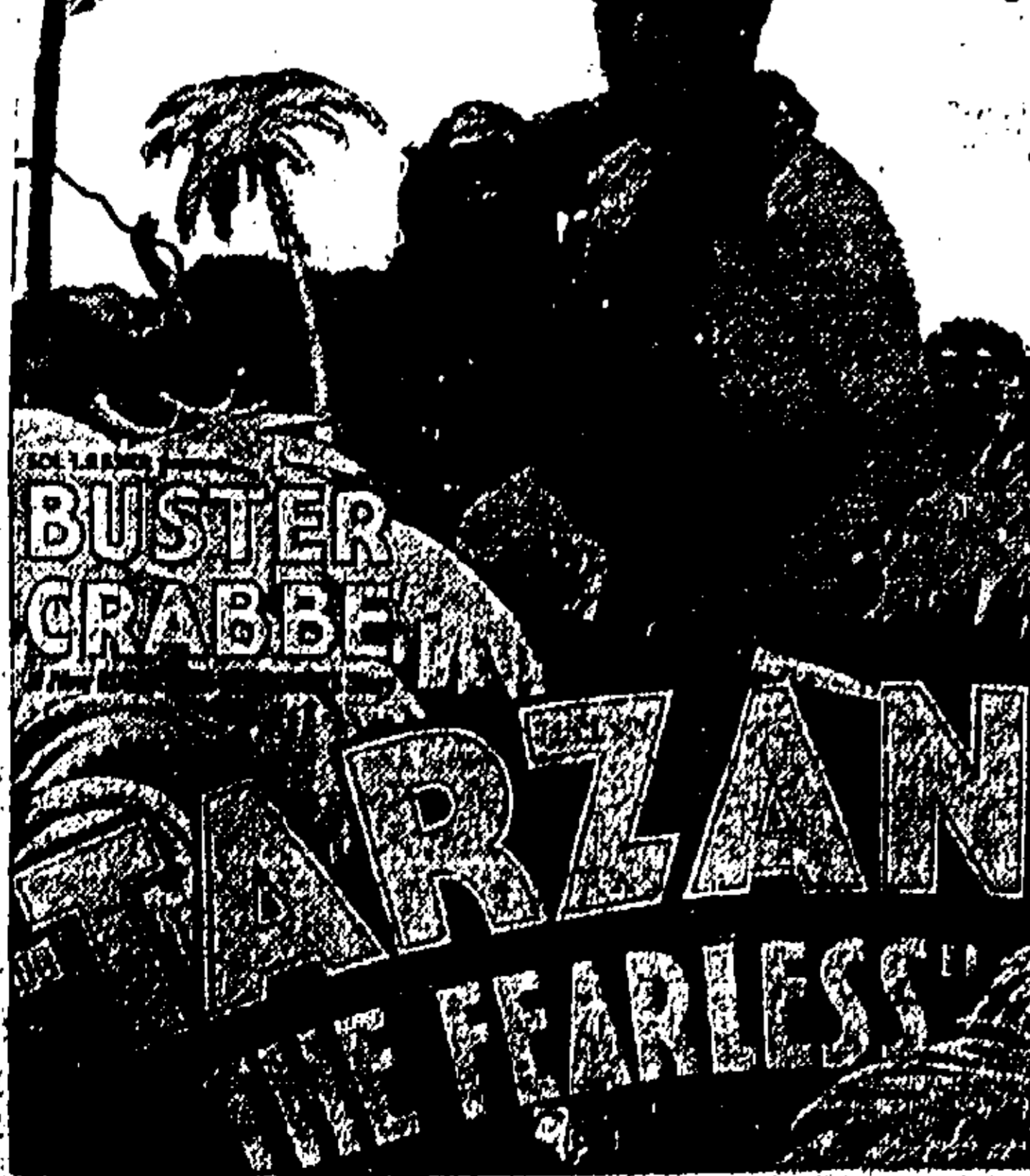
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